

Baptists, Protestants Dominate Rural Areas

COLUMBUS, O. (RNS)—While Catholics and Jews tend to have most of their numbers in large cities, Protestants still have the majority of their people in rural areas.

Results of a church distribution study by the National Council of Churches, disclosed here, showed that 45.7 per cent of all Protestants live in cities.

Dr. Ross Sanderson reported the statistics at the first National

Convocation on the City Church of the new United Church of Christ, which was formed last June by the merger of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Protestants are less metropolitan than the population of the United States as a whole, Dr. Sanderson, who is convocation director, said. Three out of five

Americans (56.8 per cent) live in 168 metropolitan areas (including cities of over 50,000 population), while three out of 10 (30.2 per cent) live in the 14 largest metropolitan areas, each of which has over a million inhabitants, he said.

Of the 20 largest metropolitan centers, according to the study, only six showed more Protestants than Catholics. These were Washington, Des

Moines, Louisville, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Columbus and Seattle.

The predominantly Catholic centers were shown to be New York, Buffalo, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Detroit, Dayton, San Francisco, St. Louis, Baltimore and Los Angeles.

Except for New York, Jewish percentages in these centers were far below the two other faiths. The Greater New York

area was reported the least Protestant of the 20 centers. In the area, 10.7 per cent of the population is Protestant, 34 per cent Catholic, and 22.1 per cent Jewish. The remainder is regarded as affiliated with neither church nor synagogue.

Protestants ranked lowest in New York and highest with 31.2 per cent in Washington, D. C. Catholics ranked lowest in Des Moines with 11.4 per cent, and

highest in Buffalo with 55.6 per cent of the population. Jewish population was lowest in Western and Middle Western areas, where it was below 2 per cent, and highest in East Coast areas, with New York leading.

The most metropolitan of the Protestant denominations were listed as Protestant Episcopal, 72.8 per cent; United Lutheran, 66 per cent; Presbyterian USA, 62.1 per cent; and United Church

of Christ, 50.6 per cent. On the whole, 20.6 per cent is a Protestant.

Least metropolitan Protestant denominations are The Methodist Church, 40.3 per cent; the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), 36 per cent; and the Southern Baptist Convention, 30.4 per cent.

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30,000 Goal Is Top SBC News

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The biggest Southern Baptist Convention news of 1957, according to Baptist editors, was continued development of the denomination's program to establish 30,000 new churches and missions in the next seven years.

The most important development in the "30,000 movement" was the appointment of C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., as director of the church extension program.

It was Warren who, as Convention president, urged the Convention to embark on the "30,000 movement" in 1956. He made his plea in his president's address to the Convention that year in Kansas City, Mo.

Editors Vote
Baptist editors which form the Baptist Press, news service of the Convention, voted for the "top 10" stories of the year in the denomination in an annual Baptist Press Poll.

The developments of the "30,000 movement" rated 12 of 22 first-place votes and a total of 200 points on a preferential rating system.

The "30,000 movement" is one of the SBC's objectives in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a project of the major Baptist conventions in North America. The Jubilee will be observed in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

Baptist editors rated as the second most important story of 1957 the creation of Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. The seminary recently

bought 99 acres to develop a campus and will open for classes next fall in a Kansas City church. This rated three first place votes and 146 points.

The race issue, as it affected Southern Baptists, rated three first place votes, 142 points, and position as third most important story of the past year.

Race Issue Third
Developments in this area included action at several state Baptist conventions. The Alabama Christian Life Commission and Louisiana Baptist Convention generally favored continued racial segregation while Georgia and South Carolina turned aside motions on segregation.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), elected the Convention's president by the 1957 meeting in Chicago, tried to mediate the differing positions on a school segregation issue arising in Little Rock. Little Rock is in the area of Arkansas Hays represents.

Response to the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists rated fourth position with no first place votes, but enough high preference votes to give it 109 points. The Forward Program is a comprehensive plan to aid churches in their stewardship budget campaigns.

More than 2500 churches ordered Forward Program materials last year, the first year the program was available to churches.

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Enlistment Of All Baptists Co-Op Missions Dept. Aim

By JOE ABRAMS, Associate Editor

"Reaching all Mississippi Baptist people with all Mississippi Baptist work" is the ambitious motto of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. This department, although new in name, is not a new department of work, but is a successor to the former Department of Rural Church Work with a realignment of responsibilities.

Tells Congressmen Nation Needs Spiritual Power

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist members of the United States Congress were honored by the First Baptist church here. Edward Hughes Pruden is the pastor.

Speaking on "America Faces Stern Realities," Pruden pointed out that "we will make a tragic error if we put our complete trust in material defenses." He continued, "This course permits our potential enemy to choose the weapons and set the pace. We would do well to look to a source of strength unknown to the enemy, even the Sword of

the Spirit." Pruden's sermon declared that it is not enough to recognize the danger which Communism imperialism presents to the free world. "We must go beyond that to discern what it is about Communism which makes it such a formidable foe."

Communist rejection of God, and the over-rating and under-rating of man are mistakes on both sides of the controversy of the era in which we live, according to Pruden. Man must not be over-rated by thinking that he can create a "human Utopia, nor must he be under-rated by taking away his God-given rights and dignity.

Optimism

The sermon concluded with a note of optimism as Pruden declared that God will not permit oppression, falsehood, and imperialism to prevail in the earth.

Several Baptist Congressmen not attached to other Washington churches were invited to a reception at the First Baptist Church. The church has a monthly coffee hour following the morning service. The Congressmen were special guests at the first coffee hour after the convening of Congress. It met with such favorable response, says Pruden, that the church plans to make it an annual affair.

In explaining why the church invited the Congressmen, Pruden said that the church wished to extend a welcome and church courtesies to Congressmen while they are in Washington.

Although most Baptist Congressmen maintain their church memberships in their home towns, many of the Washington churches have a system of associate memberships whereby temporary residents can participate in church life at the national level.

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The department was authorized by the Board in September of 1957 and began functioning in January of this year when Rev. Gordon Sansing assumed the responsibility of secretary of the department.

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, formerly secretary of the old Rural Church Work Department, resigned several months ago to become missionary for Riverside Association.

The Cooperative Missions Department has a mission program all its own to promote as well as cooperating in coordinating the entire field program of the Convention Board as outlined in the article in the adjoining column.

Several Phases

This program includes several important phases of work.

The department serves as liaison agency between the Home Mission Board and the State Board.

The Home Board contributes \$8,000 annually toward the budget of the department which is included along with the other departments in the State Mission Budget.

Most of the State Mission Budget comes from the state Convention's share of the Cooperative Program.

The department serves as the coordinating agency for the work of the approximately 30 associational superintendents of missions in the state.

This department works closely with the offices of the Executive Secretary and Associate Secretary in planning the annual Pastors and Missionaries' Assembly held at Kittiwake Assembly each year. The associational Moderators and Missionaries' meeting is held during that week also.

Schools of Missions

The responsibility of promoting and coordinating the Schools of Missions program in the state comes under the work of this office.

The secretary schedules the dates, secures the missionaries and assists otherwise.

This department also has general supervision of Indian, Chinese and Mexican Missions in the (Continued on Page 3)



MR. ARTHUR NELSON, new business manager of the State Convention Board, diligently begins his new work. He is seen at his desk on Friday of last week going over records for the past year. Helping to orientate him is Miss Ladelle McGrew, who serves as his secretary as well as secretary for another worker in the building.

Board Names New Business Manager

Arthur L. Nelson, secretary-treasurer of the Townsend Piano Company of Jackson, has accepted the position of business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, according to announcement by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Nelson, who began his work on Jan. 17, will succeed B. M. Huddleston, who resigned to accept a position with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Jackson.

Mr. Nelson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with the BBA degree (business administration and accounting).

He attended public schools in Stambaugh, Mich., and is a graduate also of North Park Junior College, Chicago. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa.

Prior to going with the Townsend Piano Company, he was comptroller for Mississippi Products, Inc., of Jackson.

Active Deacon

Mr. Nelson is an active deacon in Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, where for two years he served as treasurer.

He has served as a part-time instructor in cost accounting and auditing at Millsaps College, Jackson.

Music is his hobby and recreation. At his home church he serves as Sunday School pianist and substitute church organist.

Mrs. Nelson is the former Nola Kate Ball of Loub, and is a graduate of Mississippi College. The Nelsons have six children.

Mr. Nelson began his new duties on Friday of last week. His office is on the first floor of the Baptist Building.

Poau to Mark 10th Anniversary

ATLANTA, Ga. — Keynote speakers for the 10th Anniversary Conference on Church and State sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Feb. 10 and 11, will be Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis and Paul Blanshard of Washington, D. C. All sessions will be held in the buildings of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia.

A clinic on "Religion and Public Education" will have as principal speaker Dr. C. Emmanuel Carlson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. He will be assisted by a panel of leaders in public education.

Panel Program

Another panel program on "Action at the Grass Roots" will have as its speaker Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, Methodist Minister of Baton Rouge, La., who heads the Meral and Cwic Foundation of that state.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of National P. O. A. U., and pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, honorary president of the organization and former editor of THE (Continued on Page 2)



AS THE TWIG IS BENT—"Dear Lord, I do not ask that thou shouldst give me some high work of Thine, some noble calling, or some wonderful task, give me a little hand to hold in mine; give me a little child to point the way over the strange, sweet path that leads to Thee." (Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts)

15 SBC Schools in New Council

MIAMI BEACH, (BP)—About 15 Southern Baptist senior colleges and universities are members of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities organized here recently.

The Council was organized during the 44th annual convention of the Association of American Colleges. The association is composed only of senior colleges, mainly colleges which are

private colleges or supported by religious groups, according to R. Orin Cornet, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Among the objectives of the Council is its aim "to secure for Protestant colleges and universities a more adequate representation of their distinctive insights and concerns in educational associations, government and other agencies."

Last Call For Mission Meets

Last call is being issued this week for the annual series of World Mission Conferences.

With the first week of conferences being held this week in north Mississippi, the second and final week of conferences will be held next week in south Mississippi.

Several new faces will appear on the program for the conferences next week.

Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of Cooperative Missions, Home Mission Board, will represent that Board next week in place of Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary, who spoke for that Board this week.

Fon H. Scofield, secretary for Audio-Visual Aids, Foreign Mission Board, will represent that Board in place of Dr. Eugene Hill, secretary for mission education and promotion, who spoke this week.

Several new faces will also be among those from the state who will speak.

The schedule follows: Monday, First Baptist Church, Laurel; Tuesday, First Baptist Church, Biloxi; Thursday, First Baptist Church, McComb; and Friday, Northside Baptist church, Jackson.



PASTOR ADAMS (right) tries to break through the shell of surly old Cy Matthews and lead him for his own good from the bitter, hermit-like existence he pursues on his one-man farm. Both find that a combination of circumstances opens a new way in this heart-warming episode THE NINETY AND NINE from the TV series "THIS IS THE ANSWER," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Saddle Up For RA Meet

By EDWARD HURT, Jr.
Royal Ambassador Secretary,
SBC

Rarin' to go! ... Royal Ambassadors over the Southern Baptist Convention are "rarin' to go" to Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 12, 13 and 14!

Why? Because the second Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress will be held there. And every RA wants to attend this.

The Congress theme, "Christ in Me... the Hope of the World," is a challenge to every Royal Ambassador. As the Congress program unfolds, RAs will be brought face to face with

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CHRISTIAN CENTURY, will also speak at the conference. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs, National Association of Evangelicals, will interpret "Catholic Action Around the World." Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, will address the clergymen's conference on "The Contemporary Challenge to Church-State Separation." Dr. Frank H. Yost, editor of LIBERTY, will speak on "New Chapters in an Old Struggle."

Persons interested in registering for the conference should write Dr. John C. Mayne, Director of Organization, Baptist Building, 291 Peachtree St., N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, or National Conference Information, P. O. A. U., 1633 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

their world opportunities and responsibilities.

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Meet On Ranch

Arrangements have already been made with "Hap" Hovenkamp to hold the rodeo on his ranch. Boy! Won't that be something!

A Congress attendance goal of 8,858 has been set. How was this determined? It's easy to figure. When the Congress Promotion Committee met in Memphis to make plans, a goal of 8,000 was suggested. Then it was pointed out that August (the month of the Congress) is the 8th month; that the year '58 is

Royal Ambassadors' 50th anniversary so why not add 858 to 8,000 and have a goal of 8,858!

You probably have already heard from your state Royal Ambassador leader about a state goal. How many boys and leaders will you have at the Congress?

Set a goal NOW and begin working! The slogan is "Every Chapter Represented." Be sure your chapter is not left out.

Registration Fee

The Congress registration fee is \$2 for each Royal Ambassador and each leader. If you need a registration form, ask your counselor for one. It is important that you and the other fellows of your chapter register early.

Fort Worth hotels and motels are listed in the registration form. Since your counselor is responsible for making your room reservation, check with him to be sure that you will have a place to stay.

By the way, maybe your parents are planning a vacation trip this summer. Why not suggest to them that they take their vacation in the Southwest so they, along with you, will be in Fort Worth at the time of the Congress?

Carey Library Awarded \$400

William Carey College Library has been awarded \$400 in a sub-grant from the Association of Colleges and Research Libraries from funds granted to it by U. S. Steel. Announcement of the sub-grant was made January 8 by Miss Eileen Thornton, Librarian of the Oberlin College Library and President of ACRL, a division of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Ruth Duncan, librarian at William Carey College, states that the grant will be used for the purchase of the works of standard authors.

William Carey College Library is one of eighty-seven libraries to receive sub-grants in this year's program of awards by ACRL of funds distributed for three major corporations. \$30,000 has been contributed to the 1957-58 program by the United States Foundation "to strengthen or modernize library, teaching, or learning tools" in privately supported colleges and universities. \$5,000 has been granted by the New York Times for purchase of backfiles of the Times on microfilm. \$5,000 has been granted by the Remington Rand Division of the Sperry Rand Corporation for the purchase of library equipment.

Nurse Wanted

For Baptist Camp June, July, and August. For further information write "Nurse," Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson.

6% BONDS AVAILABLE

Bonds bearing 6% interest will be delivered to the Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Old Canton Road, Jackson, on January 27th. They will be offered for sale immediately.

Interested parties can obtain further information, Pastor S. B. Mason, 127 Canton Club Circle, Jackson or Frank Smith, 510 Colonial Circle, Jackson.

Names In The News

Frank W. Rush, Vicksburg; Robert M. Carlisle, Stringer; Artis Brewer, Moss; Lincoln Newman, Lucedale; Joe W. Hudson, Hollandale; Alvin Sandifer, Roseland, La., were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

Mrs. W. T. Harrigill, Yazoo City; Mrs. Walter Johnston, Yazoo City; R. H. Henderson, Burns; C. L. Bryant, Vicksburg; Mrs. D. F. Wilson, Nesbitt; Mrs. J. N. Climpitt, Nesbitt; Mrs. J. C. Redding, Hernando; Rev. Ed Connelly, Lewisburg; Norhis G. Hickman, Pontotoc, were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

Mrs. Earl Warford, Corinth; Mrs. Charlie Jones, Corinth; Rose Easterling, Laurel; Mrs. M. W. Cooper, Laurel; Mrs. Herman D. Colvin, Starkville; C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Young, Tutwiler; Mrs. Lewis Kellum, Tutwiler; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Laney, Oxford; M. R. "Andy" Anderson, Oxford, were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

Captain Fred Kornick, New York City; James N. Brister, Mississippi State Hospital; Martin J. Gilbert, Lyon; Felix Collins, Clinton; and Copie Myers, Clinton, were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

Robert S. Cook, director of adult work, Training Union Department, Baptist-Sunday School Board, received January 17 the Doctor of Religious Education degree from the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Charles Hooker is the new church librarian at Northside Church, Jackson, Rev. Henry Crouch, pastor.

Mrs. Hazle Anthony is the new church secretary at Parkview Church, Greenville, Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor.

Dr. Webb Brame began his ministry at First Church, Yazoo City January 15, 1958, 33 years ago this January. He resigned January 15, 1951 because of ill health. Rev. Harold Shirley is the pastor.

Rev. Riley Munday of Cleveland will be the speaker at the Training Union Sweetheart Banquet on February 14 at First Church, Brookhaven.

C. Roland Boyd, Minister of Music at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, resigned this position on Sunday, January 12, 1958, to accept a call from the First Church, Danville, Kentucky, as Minister of Music and Education. His work will begin at Danville on Sunday, January 26, 1958.

Dr. G. Othel Hand, a native of Mississippi has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Hickory, N. C., moving from Avondale Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Baptists...

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Dr. Sanderson reported major membership gains for Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed churches in cities in the last 10 years. Total city membership has increased one-fourth, and in St. Louis the increase has been 60.3 per cent, he said. The number of churches has not increased during the period he added, as membership gains have gone to established churches.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church has been "compelled to question its traditional ruralness," Dr. John H. Shope of Philadelphia, the denomination's urban church director, told the convocation. "Churches in places of over 2,500 population now have 79.2 per cent of our members," he reported.

Delegates also studied how people live in the cities, what cities do to their youth, and how cities breed poverty and crime.

GREENWICH, Conn. (RNS)—Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church will retire in November upon reaching the compulsory retirement age of 68. He has been serving since 1947.

Future Of SBC Is Predicted

WASHINGTON—What is the future of Southern Baptists?

"Assuredly it is not extinction," asserted a Southern Baptist "elder statesman" in the Jan. 20 issue of Christianity Today.

"There may be a crack somewhere in the Southern Baptist 'cathedral,'" said Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, "but it is obvious that their ecclesiastical edifice is rising rather rapidly and securely."

Lawson, veteran Baptist minister and a vice president of Protestants and Other Americans United, cited his denomination's historical gains and told of expansion plans.

His article in the international religious journal stated that "A marked change within my lifetime has occurred in the Southern Baptist attitudes toward social application of the Gospel."

All Of Life

"I am not implying that these Baptists have in any wise lessened their stress on the primacy of the individual and the absolute necessity of individual regeneration," he said.

"But gradually my brethren have come to see that the Gospel must relate to all of life."

Lawson took issue with "prophets of doom" who "are pre-

dicting that Southern Baptists will eventually crack up on the rock of ecumenicity."

He continued: "The notion is based on the failure of Southerners to join up with the National Council of Churches, the World Council and kindred organizations. One who has endeavored to live fraternally with all men, especially with those of evangelical tenets as I have done, can well understand how I could wish that my people, with proper understanding, might cooperate with these lofty dreamers."

Will Not Perish

"Yet I am emboldened to say, I do not concede that Southern Baptists will perish by staying outside these folds."

Dawson said the "direct potential threat to the future of Southern Baptists' ongoing is internal unity."

But he saw no cause for any current alarm and ended the article by stating:

"From where I sit it looks to me that there may be an unimaginable number of deputants among Southern Baptists, but on essential beliefs and policies they all unite in sticking together in the final showdown."

Temple Church Ordains Joe Cobb

During the evening worship service on January 12, Joe Cobb was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

Mr. Cobb graduated from high school in Ecu, after which he spent four years in the Navy.

After two years at Itawamba, he enrolled at William Carey College, where he is now a senior. It was during his first year at Carey that he surrendered for foreign missions. Recently he was called to Calvary Church in Perry County, where he is now pastor.

The council that examined Cobb was composed of Dr. Judson Chastain of Carey College, senior member and chairman of the council; Dr. John Barnes, pastor of Main Street Church; Rev. Paul H. Cranford, pastor of Temple Church; Dr. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor of First Church; Dr. B. Frank Smith of Carey College; E. M. O'Neal and C. A. Still, deacons of Temple Church.

The Bible was presented by C. A. Still on behalf of the church. Dr. Chastain gave the charge to the candidate. E. M.

O'Neal prayed the ordination prayer, and the pastor, Rev. Paul H. Cranford, preached the sermon.

Tells Congressmen -

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tion's capital.

Guests

Present at the church reception were Sens. Theodore F. Green (D., R. I.), Frank Carlson (R., Kans.), Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), Robert S. Kerr (D., Oklahoma), John S. Cooper (R., Ky.), and Strom Thurmond (D., S. C.).

Representatives present were J. Carlton Loser (D., Tenn.), and R. Paul Kitchen (D., N. C.).

Sen. Kerr regularly teaches a Bible class at First Baptist Church.

At the first session of the 85th Congress there were 54 Baptists in the House of Representatives and 13 in the Senate. Methodists led both houses with 85 in the House and 18 in the Senate.

Roman Catholics were second in the House with 73 members, but Baptists were second in the Senate.

DO WE REALLY NEED CHURCHES?



Many years ago Eastern newspapers carried advertisements inviting people to settle in a newly-founded middle-western town where churches were prohibited. It seemed that the town would prosper. The residents were relieved not to be plagued by church bells and pestered by long-faced religionists. This spiritual rebellion grew out of the atmosphere which existed in some sections of our nation in early days. Laws were passed which required citizens to attend church services, to have their babies christened, and to pay taxes to support the state-established church.

Baptists take a position between the two extremes, of enforced religious activity on the one hand and churchless irreligion on the other. Baptists believe that every community needs churches, that every individual needs to join a church and work for God through it. They believe just as firmly that people should not be forced into church membership.

Into the churchless western town poured saloon-keepers, gamblers, and criminals of all kinds. Crime and disease and debauchery and violence spread like wildfire. As families be-

gan to move away, in terror of their lives, the leaders realized that the town needed a church. They sent out a call for help to organize one, and so saved the town.

Churches have the practical value of helping maintain decency and order in the community. But the main function of churches is far more vital. For one thing churches offer a way of helping make God known throughout the world. Christ was speaking to church members when he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost" (Acts 1:8). The church is God's evangelistic arm. Moreover, the church exists to provide means of nurture and growth for Christians. This it does through worship, through Bible teaching, and through the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The church is God's own fellowship on earth.

Baptists believe that churches are spiritual institutions with a spiritual mission in the world. That mission is to show man the way to get rid of sin and to find peace with God through personal faith in Jesus Christ. Thus the churches have a mission in the world that no other organization can perform.



Dr. Grey Allison

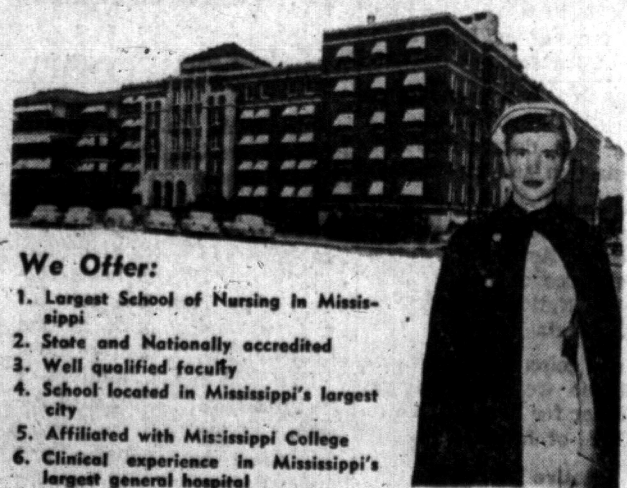
TO SPEAK AT BOYS' RALLY

Dr. Grey Allison, of New Orleans Seminary, will be the key speaker in the Jackson County Brotherhood and R. A. Boys' rally.

This meeting will be held at Riverside Church, Pascagoula, Monday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p. m.

President G. G. Boone will M. C. the program; Everette Greer will lead the singing; and the Vice-President, Dr. John A. Reeves, will present an attendance banner to the largest group present.

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The Lottie Moon Offering reached \$1,000 at Clarke Memorial College. The goal set by the Y. W. A. on the campus was \$650. In the chapel a treasure chest filled with lights, which were turned on as the offerings were received, was placed at the foot of a cross by a world globe.

As interest spread among the 300 students and among the faculty, a number of the students decided to donate, above their offering, two day's work on the campus, in the buildings and on the grounds. During these two days, December 7 and 14, a total of 200 hours of work was added to the offering. Other students did typing, hair cutting, shoe shining, baby sitting, and car washing to help fill the treasure chest to overflowing.

Miss Annie Merle Buckley, Magee, who finished mid-term, is being succeeded as president of the Y. W. A. by Miss Carol Smith, Mathiston. Mrs. W. L. Compere is Y. W. A. counselor.



Bethsaida Ordains Three Deacons

January 5 at Bethsaida Baptist Church in Neshoba County, three men were ordained to be deacons.

Four ministers assisted in the ordination service. They were, left to right, above: Rev. Isaac Boggs, pastor of the Antioch Church, who led in the ordination prayer; Rev. George Madison, Superintendent of Missions, who gave the charge to the church and the deacons; Rev. Ralph Brady, pastor of the

East Philadelphia Church, who preached the ordination sermon; and Rev. S. E. Nix in the foreground, who is the pastor of Bethsaida Church, directed the service.

The next three men were ordained as deacons: E. M. Branning, R. N. Winstead, and Bruce Skinner. The three ladies, left to right, are the deacons' wives, Mrs. E. M. Branning, Mrs. R. N. Winstead, and Mrs. Bruce Skinner.

Enlargement

Campaign

At Tupelo

A Training Union Enlargement Campaign will be conducted at the First Church, Tupelo, during the week of January 26 by Mr. G. G. Pierce, associate in the state Training Union Department.

The teaching faculty for the week includes two others from the state office, two approved workers, and four workers secured in Tupelo: Mr. Pierce, Miss Louise Hill, Miss Neta Stewart, Mrs. C. W. Thompson of Ellisville and Mrs. A. A. Greene of Jackson.

Local faculty members are Jesse Akers, Miss Mary Jo Love, Mrs. James Adair, and Mrs. Henrietta Harrelson.

Special emphasis will be given to enlisting a large group of church members not attending Training Union. Byron Livingston is director and Joseph N. Causey is pastor.

Rural Church

Committee Meets

The Long-Range Rural Church Committee held its annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, January 3.

The committee projected the work of the Rural Church Program for 1958 and completed plans for the Second Convention-wide Rural Church Conference to be held in Memphis, Tenn., February 24-28, 1958, at the Bellevue Baptist Church.

Chester Quarles, executive secretary of Mississippi, was re-elected chairman of the committee.

North Mississippi, Mr. Smith in Central Mississippi and Mr. Newman in South Mississippi. They will be working with the various Associational Superintendents of Missions and the Associational Executive Committee in the coordination of the entire field program.

Oktibbeha Group Signs Resolution

The Baptist Record is in receipt of a copy of a Resolution from the Oktibbeha County Association stating that the "so-called Black Market Law ought to be repealed and that the present dry status of the state be retained."

The instrument further stated that "a uniform mandate ought to be passed by the Legislature requiring local officials to co-operate with the state government officials in enforcing the liquor laws."

An accompanying statement signed by the Moderator, Rev. Herman D. Colvin, said that copies of a petition carrying the essential fact of the resolution were being distributed in the county calling upon the legislators of the county to support it in the Legislature.

Also signing the Resolution were J. F. Douglas, Sr., Chairman Temperance Committee and A. A. Hitchcock, clerk.

THE COOPERATIVE MISSIONS DEPT.

COORDINATES ALL FIELD WORK

Gordon Sansing New Secretary

By Anne McWilliams
Editorial Assistant

Paramount Purpose. "Each of us should have some definite sense of mission in life. We should seek in everything we do to win others to Jesus as Saviour and to strengthen the saved," wrote Rev. L. Gordon Sansing in a devotional printed in last week's Baptist Record.

Parents, in Neshoba County, some years ago, O. L. and Evie Gordon Sansing, gave to their infant son the name, Luther Gordon, perhaps little guessing then that he would become a preacher.

Pastor. Luther Gordon graduated from Union High School, Clarke College, and Mississippi College. Since graduation from New Orleans Seminary he has been pastor at Peachatchie, Brandon, First Church, Booneville, Crestwood, Jackson, and Broadmoor, Jackson. Five years ago, when Mr. Sansing went to Broadmoor, it was a mission with 100 members and about a \$10,000 budget; now there are 775 members, with a \$100,000 budget and property valued at \$200,000.

President. A "born leader," Sansing was president of the senior class in the seminary; Secretary of the Miss. Bapt. Convention Bd. for three years; Secretary of the Executive Committee of this same board for one year; Assistant Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention; Chaplain of the Civitan International; and District Governor of Civitan International. He was listed in "Who's Who Among American College and University Students."

Polly. On May 21, at the close of his freshman year in college, Gordon Sansing married Polly Murphy of Union. The couple now have three boys, and Gordon, 15, and Tom and Tim, twins, 11.

Frankster. Full of jokes and jests, witticisms and wisecracks, Gordon Sansing is a credit to Neshoba County, which he says is the largest snuff-selling county in the Magnolia State. Rather thin and wiry and slightly bald, Mr. Sansing is poised and friendly and gracious. His peerless wit and ready humor have made him a popular speaker.

Pious. He does have a serious side, too! Converted and baptized at County Line Church in Neshoba County, he has a deep interest in missions in other parts of the world, as well as in this state, and has traveled to South America, Europe, and

By GORDON SANSING
Department Secretary

Coordinating the entire field program of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is the major task of the Cooperative Missions Department. In carrying out this assignment, the state, for convenience in promotion, has been divided into five general areas.

Enlistment Of . . .

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State. The State Board allocates funds to the Indian work which is channeled into the eleven Indian churches composing the New Choctaw Association.

This includes a Preachers' Bible Institute, special V. B. S. workers and materials, pastoral aid, special summer workers, and related activities.

Indian Work

Rev. Victor Kaneubbe, located at Philadelphia, is the Home Mission Board missionary to the Indians.

The State Board cooperates with the First Baptist Church of Greenville in supporting the Chinese mission work.

Rev. Hugh G. Collins, assistant pastor at the church, works with the Chinese.

Another phase of the work of the department is that of assisting chaplains who are being released from the armed services in getting located in civilian life.

Missions is the primary work of the Cooperative Missions department.

Three Churches Install Furniture

The following Baptist churches in Mississippi have installed or bought during the past year new church furniture manufactured by the Southern Desk Company of Hickory, N. C., one of the regular advertisers in the Baptist Record:

First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss.; First Baptist Church, Mendenhall, Miss.; Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Spring.

For the benefit of those who are interested in new church furniture, the Southern Desk Company, Hickory, N. C. has published a list of over seven thousand of their typical pew, pulpit and chancel furniture installations in the southeast, and prospective customers are invited to visit any of them for inspection. Advertisements of the Southern Desk Company appear regularly in the columns of this paper.

the Holy Land. In November he was elected the new Secretary of the Cooperative Missions for Mississippi Baptists.

and Rev. R. B. Patterson. These men are former area missionaries who have been transferred to this Department and given larger territories to serve. At left is Miss Doris Waterer, office secretary.



BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.—Mr. William Ackerman of Chicago, executive secretary of the World Home Bible League, examines one of the Bibles provided by his organization for distribution in Mississippi. Representing the cooperating departments in the project are Miss Edwina Robinson, Woman's Missionary Union secretary, and Dr. William F. Davis, secretary of the Department of Negro Work. Over 39,000 Bibles have already been provided for Bible-less homes in the state.—(Staff Photo).

Forty-First Avenue To Relocate Church

Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian, Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor, has purchased property at a price of \$63,450.00 for the purpose of relocating their church. The new site has commercial value as it fronts 158.75 feet on the main thoroughfare of highways and business route into the heart of the city. It is the depth of the entire block of 220 feet with the front facing one of the elementary schools of the city. The church now occupies dwelling houses, one large cafe, and one Trackside service station.

Forty-First Avenue has a very colorful history and has made an inestimable contribution for more than three-quarters of a century. The church was organized March 20, 1881, as Calvary Church of Meridian, becoming the Second Baptist Church, Meridian, located across the street from where the present County Court House now stands, or on the triangular block where the Central Service Station now operates.

As the city continued to expand westward a church was needed in the West End area. Calvary responded to the need and built a house of worship there. In May, 1891, the church moved to the present location and became Forty-First Avenue Baptist Church, and has carried that title for the Lord's work more than 67 years.

Forty-First now has 1170 members, an annual budget of \$65,

000, and has been served by 29 pastors in 77 years of Christian endeavor.

The church will vote on a new name for the new location Sunday, March 30.

State Men To Speak In Florida

Two Mississippians will be featured as transportation speakers during the Church Leadership Conferences scheduled to be held in every association in Florida January 27-31.

Rev. Deb Lee Stennis, pastor in Lauderdale County, will speak at the Holmes, West Florida, Chipola, and Apalachee Associations.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will speak at the South Florida, Wekiwa, Lake, Seminola and Halifax associational meetings.

BUFFALO, N. Y. (RNS)—A Protestant Episcopal clergyman here differs strongly with the writer of the 90th Psalm who said that four score years is the end of a good life.

VIENNA—The Bucharest Radio announced that several clergymen jailed for alleged anti-State activities in Communist Romania may be released under a New Year amnesty to prison inmates granted by the government.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

Southwestern Baptist Seminary Sponsors Music Workshop

The annual Church Music Workshop of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, February 3-7. The workshop is sponsored jointly by the Southwestern Seminary and the Church Music Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Program personalities include such eminent musicians as Alfred M. Greenfield, chairman of the department of music at New York University and conductor of the Oratorio Society of New York; Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs, Children's choir specialist from California; and W. Hines Sims, Secretary of Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Many other outstanding music leaders will appear on the conference faculty.

Every phase of the Music Ministry will be taught and discussed in the various conferences, and a large display of materials will be on hand, and will include exhibits for both pipe and electronic instruments.

Special features will include a joint concert by the Southwestern

Singers, nationally famous choral group conducted by R. Paul Green, and the North Texas State College Brass Choirs directed by L. F. Brown.

Many of our leaders will desire to take advantage of this fine opportunity. For complete information, write the School of Church Music, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Church Music Manual Available

A new music study course book entitled "The Church Music Manual" by Dr. Hines Sims is now available at the Baptist Book Store. This book is not a book on music techniques, but outlines the processes in building the Church Music Ministry in the local church and the denomination. This book can be taught by anyone interested in this great development, and especially the church pastor is urged to set aside one week during the year and teach this book to the entire congregation. An award on this book should be requested for all who qualify for the award. Send the request for awards to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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W. C. FIELDS, Editor

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They Are Choosing Up Sides Again Over On Capitol Hill

All signs indicate that a major fight over the state's liquor laws will develop during the present session of the legislature.

"Wets" are raising the hue and cry that the liquor situation in the state could hardly be worse, that "drys" are blind to the enormous bootleg business in all these 82 counties, that the only remedy for the entire hypocritical mess is to adopt some form of legalized control.

A few long-time "drys" who have worked diligently for years to remove the curse of alcohol from Mississippi are beginning to despair of getting any effective legislative action for strong enforcement of the present prohibition laws.

Sen. George Owens of Pontotoc, chairman of the Senate temperance committee, has been a persistent opponent of any effort to loosen up the liquor statutes. He is now advocating an eight point program to solve the present stalemate.

Sen. Owens, who was author of the "mandate" feature of the 1952 referendum on local option, feels that the following package deal might break the existing logjam: (1) an intensive educational program for students through high school age, (2) repeal of the Black Market Tax, (3) repeal of the 5% sales tax on illegal liquor, (4) a bone-dry law for the entire state, with provision for (5) local option for counties which wish to vote themselves out from under the dry act, (6) adequate finances and personnel to enforce the law in dry counties, (7) adequate facilities for enforcement of the laws pertaining to wet counties, and (8) state-owned liquor stores in such counties as might vote wet under the local option provisions.

Governor J. P. Coleman has said, "So far as I am concerned, my views are the same as they have always been—I believe in the strict enforcement of the laws against the intoxicating liquor traffic. We are not able to get that in some sections of Mississippi under existing law, and we have not been able to get these laws changed, hence something must be done."

As the tempo of this debate increases, as it very definitely will, there will doubtless be as many variations of these proposals as there are Senators and Representatives. Since it is our privilege—and under the circumstances our duty—we ordinary citizens will have a few opinions of our own.

We have no doubt that there are men and women on all sides of these sundry fences who are conscientiously seeking the best interests of the whole commonwealth of Mississippi. The big thing in this liquor problem is METH-OD—how to bring about this happy consummation. There are no simple solutions and no easy answers.

But there are some pertinent questions that first must be answered?

For instance, if a sizeable group of legislators did not feel bound—as they have said publicly—by the "mandate" of the people so clearly expressed in the 1952 liquor referendum, how are the citizens of Mississippi to know whether or not they will feel "bound" by any new vote on the subject?

For another thing, which state is it here in the South that has eliminated bootlegging by legalizing liquor? Where is the model for all of this high-and-mighty talk about ending "hypocrisy" vice, crime syndicates, and moonshine whiskey empires by either state-controlled or state-operated liquor stores?

Is it actually true that "the situation could hardly be worse?" In spite of the notorious traffic in quasi-illegal liquor throughout the state (of which all of us are painfully aware), why is it that Mississippi ranks lower than its neighboring states on a per capita basis in every category of crimes involving liquor? Would legalized liquor improve the crime situation in our midst?

What is it that the gentlemen in their various proposals would eliminate? Is it just the bootlegger? Or, are we to take seriously the claims of practically everybody including the "wets" that each in his own way, is seriously trying to stop the menace of liquor in every shape, form or fashion?

Are we being called upon to believe that these dark, furtive characters presently in the bootleg business will suddenly change their spots under some form of legalized liquor and—presto!—disdainfully refuse to touch the lucrative cut-rate liquor market anymore?

These, and a lot of other questions must be answered satisfactorily. The good people of Mississippi will not buy some legislative pig-in-a-poke.

Through the due processes of law and order, Mississippians voiced their feelings clearly in August, 1952 that liquor is a militant evil which endangers the entire state and the legislature has an obligation to its constituency to make a serious effort to wipe it out. We are still waiting for that serious effort!

Bloodstained Tax Money

Just prior to a recent vote on the sale of beer in Oklahoma The Baptist Messenger published a letter which reveals a part of the terrible price citizens must pay for taxes on alcoholic beverages.

Pastor L. C. Robbins of the First Baptist Church, Claremore, Oklahoma wrote: "All the tax turned in to Oklahoma on beer from now on, will not restore Howard Wilson, our son-in-law who was killed by a man drunk on beer."

Wilson left a wife and six children!

The Last Shall Be First

An American traveler and his wife, visiting Westminster Abbey, asked their guide, "What tomb here is most asked for, after that of the Unknown Soldier?"

"The tomb of David Livingstone," was the reply.

The great missionary to Africa sacrificed everything to serve Christ in nameless jungle lands. That unselfish giving of himself has brought honor and acclaim as one of Britain's greatest men.

Verily, "... he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

"Flattery is like perfume—you're supposed to smell it, not swallow it!"—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Benjamin Franklin: He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.



The Baptist Forum

Over the River

Enclosed please find a check for a year's subscription to the Baptist Record. I have just accepted a pastorate in Louisiana, but I want to keep up with the Mississippi work too!

Horace Carpenter,
Box 186, Clayton, La.

Approval

Congratulations on the new BAPTIST RECORD. I like it much better—the type, paper, headlines, and especially the greater use of pictures.

You are also to be congratulated upon the circulation, which I understand is the largest of any newspaper of any kind in Mississippi.

Certainly we appreciate your continued use of our news releases and picture stories we send you from time to time.

Agnes Ford
Press Representative
Sunday School Board
Nashville

New Wrinkle

I like your face-lifting job on your paper very much. Headlines flushing right is a new wrinkle for me, but it gives a pleasing effect.

Erwin L. McDonald
Editor, Arkansas Baptist
Little Rock

Correction

In the write-up of Randle S. Poss you had a misprint. It was Pass—should have been Poss! As we are keeping this for future reference would appreciate the correction. It also should have been the son of Mr. and Mrs. Poss (not Pass) of Itta Bena. Thanks for your trouble.

Mrs. L. M. Poss,
Itta Bena.

Brighter, Cleaner

It was a real treat to see the new Record; you and your staff have done a splendid job of adapting the recommendations in our Clinical study.

We hope reader reaction has been favorable. The front page of the January 2 issue was especially well executed, and the whole publication has a brighter, cleaner look.

George C. Likness
Executive Director Butler
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Center
4 First State Bank
Mendota, Illinois.

Thanksgiving

We take this opportunity to thank Mississippi Baptists for their support, kindness, interest and prayers in the work and ministry of the Baptist Orphanage during the year that has just ended.

As we make plans for the future we covet your continued good-will and support of our work. The faculty and children had a wonderful Holiday Season and we thank you for your part in making this possible.

While we have not as yet completed tabulation of our contributions from Thanksgiving Love

Offerings on a comparative basis for 1957, we believe the offerings are just about equal. Many of the larger churches' gifts were smaller but many of the smaller churches gifts were larger.

Perhaps for some reason the gift from your church has not been sent in or the offering was not made at the suggested time, if so, it is not too late to do so now.

W. G. Mize,
Superintendent
Baptist Orphanage,
Jackson

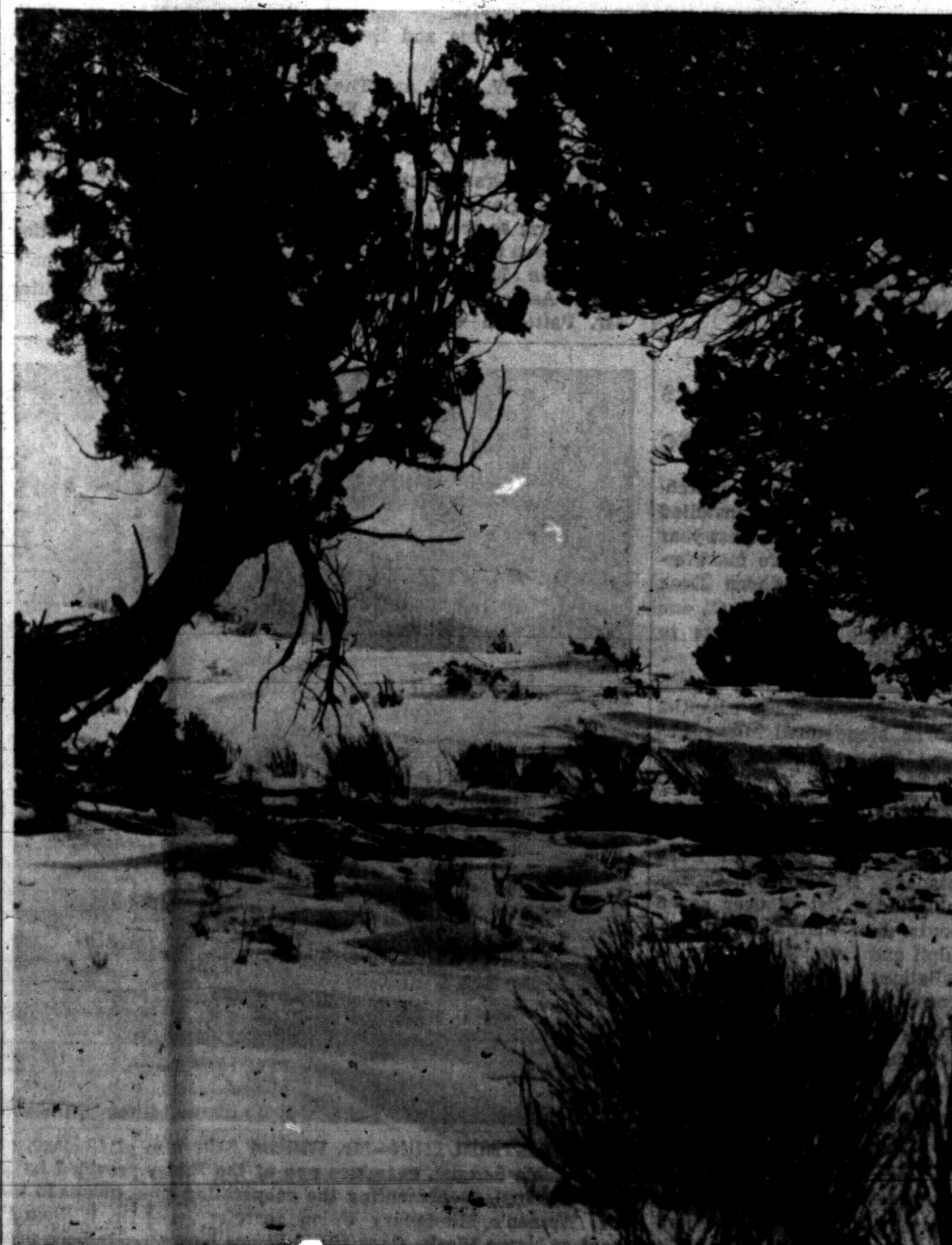
Commends Clayton

Rev. Maurice Clayton of Tunica taught most interestingly the Bible Study, "Studies in Hosea," at the First Baptist Church, Marks. There were fine crowds each night.

Ira D. Eavenson,
Marks, Miss.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (RNS) — The United Presbyterian, a 116-year old weekly published here by the United Presbyterian Church of North America, will suspend publication next June 29th.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced that 357,770 first day covers bearing the stamp commemorating religious freedom were cancelled at Flushing, N. Y. on Dec. 27, 1957.



THE COVERED EARTH—"Summer and winter... Shall not cease." Ge. 8:22—(RNS Photo).

Pages From The Past

By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

50 Years Ago

The Meadville Baptist Church was organized in 1906 or 1907 under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Polk, one of the Convention Board missionaries.

40 Years Ago

The B. Y. P. U. of one of the churches of the state reported a "glad" and not "sad" funeral of one of their long time and faithful members. He had been a constant attendant for many years, and Secretary Aubrey J. Wilds of the B. Y. P. U. Department expressed great joy in hearing that he had passed away and had been buried without any fanfare or grief. His name was "Mr. Quarterly Reading." And Wilds hoped that "he" would stay put.

A question from a B. Y. P. U. member of the B. Y. P. U. If so, can you suggest some way to enlist him? Wild's answer: The pastor should be an honorary member of your Union; try to show him that they need him and he needs them; and by an occasional attendance he can win their backing in his work.

25 Years Ago

B. S. U. Worker Louise Leavell of the Blue Mountain College Campus tells of Tuesday, January 10 being set apart from all the rest when the students of the college "dared to be different for Him (Christ)."

The B. S. U. members on the campus of M. S. C. W. started the New Year with the following resolutions: 1) To be happier in our outlook on life; 2) To strive to be uncritical; 3) To be more devout in our daily devotions.

For a change: "Mother, said a little boy after coming from a walk, 'I've seen a man who makes horses.'"

"Are you sure," asked his mother.

"Yes," he replied. "He had a horse nearly finished when I saw him; he was just nailing on his back feet."

Record Is Set

The 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has exceeded all previous records in its Lottie Moon Christmas offering for this year. The amount given was \$502.23.

The pastor, Rev. V. C. Windham, commended the church for this offering and challenged it to go above this amount next year.

CHESTERFIELD, Va., December, 1775 — (BP)—Eleazer Clay, baptized just four years ago as the result of preaching by imprisoned Baptist ministers, has been selected as pastor of the First Baptist Church here.

Clay accumulated a considerable fortune before entering the ministry and is said to be worth more than \$100,000. Doubtless the wealthiest minister in the county, he made possible construction of the Baptist meetinghouse here by his gifts and influence.

CLAY CONVERTED

In 1771 a friend of Clay's heard the preaching of Baptist evangelists imprisoned at Culpeper jail for preaching without authority of the state church. He was converted and immediately became concerned about his friend Eleazer Clay. His testimony convicted Clay and the latter was converted and baptized.

Clay's stand showed remarkable courage. Baptists were being bitterly persecuted in Virginia and baptism jeopardized his wealth, influence, and position. In spite of the risks, Clay began to preach the Baptist doctrine soon after his baptism.

The young minister quickly learned that "money talks" for preachers too. Because of his wealth and position, he is one of the few Baptist preachers in Virginia to escape persecution by civil authorities or the state church.

CLAY THREATENED

Clay was threatened on at least one occasion, however, when a man rode up to a house where he was preaching and announced that he had come to horsewhip the minister. Immediately a friend of Clay's rushed into the house to warn him of the danger.

"I am the son of Charles Clay," the Baptist declared, "and fear no man. If I have to go out after him, I will give him one of the worst whippings he ever had in his life."

When he saw that Clay could not be intimidated, the caller left without attempting to carry out his boast. The preacher doubtless was able to make good his own threat. As a boy of fourteen he had joined royal troops and fought the French and Indians.

Although he has been ordain-

NEW YORK — The Protestant Episcopal Church recorded an all-time high of 3,163,126 members in 1957, an increase of 51,686 over the previous year. The figures were reported in the 1958 Episcopal Church Annual published here.

ed less than a year, Clay has thrown the full weight of his wealth, influence, and abilities as a preacher into the Baptist cause and seems destined to become a leading figure among Virginia Baptists.

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
Author of the book, FOR OUR AGE OF ANXIETY, which you may purchase at your Baptist Book Store.

"PRODIGAL HUSBAND"

QUESTION: My husband has left me five times. His folks, to whom he returns, tell him how foolish he is to live with one woman instead of getting out and having fun. Now after months of separation, he comes back again and says he has never been happy and wants to come home. He professes to be a Christian, but seems unstable. What should I do?

ANSWER: What makes you think he is any different now from the other times? Some women have an unconscious need for punishment and you seem to be one of them.

If I were you, I would find a minister or a marriage counselor or both of you sit down with him (or her) and examine this whole picture.

My guess is, on such slight knowledge as your letter gives, that your husband is not sure he is a man, therefore has to assure himself by chasing other women. There is probably not an assured male in his family. You will not save him by taking him back. Unless he changes by facing his own character defects in the sight of God, it sounds to me like taking him back would be the last thing I would do.

Keep praying; there may be hope.
(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47th St., Kansas City, Missouri)

Calendar of Prayer

January 27 — Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Riverside Associational Training Union Director; Zack Moak, Lincoln Associational Brotherhood President.

January 28 — W. P. Young, Jackson Associational Supt. of Missions; Mrs. Ruth Brannan, Lamar Associational W. M. U. President.

January 29 — P. I. Lipsey, Jr., Mississippi College faculty; Annie Hendricks, Blue Mountain College faculty.

January 30 — Frances T. Carter, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. T. F. Boushy, William Carey College faculty.

January 31 — Mrs. Joe Clark, Baptist Building; Willa Dean Freeman, Baptist Building.

February 1 — R. A. Herrington, B. S. U. Director, Holmes Junior College; J. B. Costilow, B. S. U. Director, Clarke College.

February 2 — Hilman B. Miller, Simpson Associational Training Director; J. G. Wharton, Lowndes Associational Brotherhood President.

ISTANBUL (RNS) — Paul Zahariadis, a Jehovah's Witnesses leader, was arrested by Turkish police at suburban Kadikoy on charges of proselytism.

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Church Construction Sets All-Time Record In 1957

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction set an all-time record in 1957, with \$868,000,000 of new buildings put in place by America's churches and synagogues, the Department of Commerce and Labor reported here.

The new record surpassed the old, set in 1956, by exactly \$100,000,000.

Church construction reached a new high for the month of December, totaling \$74,000,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the mark established in December, 1956.

Construction by private schools and colleges, many of which are church-related, dropped three per cent in 1957, but still topped half a billion dollars, the government report said. New construction by the nonpublic school system totaled \$519,000,000, compared with \$536,000,000 in 1956. In Decem-

ber construction totaled \$44,000,000, some \$2,000,000 less than the same month a year ago.

New Record Set

A new construction record was set by private hospitals, homes for the aged, and other institutions, with 1957 building topping half a billion dollars in this field, too. New structures valued at \$505,000,000 were erected by these private institutions, many of which are church-related. This was a gain of 54 per cent over the \$328,000,000 in 1956, a reflection, in part, of increased federal grants under the Hill-Burton aid to hospitals act.

Construction of private social and recreational buildings, a category which includes YMCA's YWCA's, summer camps, parish halls, as well as fraternal organizations, set a new record in 1957, amounting to \$309,000,000, compared with \$275,000,000 the year before.

EPA In Meeting

Editors of some 100 evangelical publications are expected to attend their Tenth Annual Convention in the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C., January 28, 29. Each year conventions of the

Evangelical Press Association bring together top editors of publication and outstanding authorities on their problems. This year the convention theme is, "The Christian and The State."

The keynote address will be given by Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Executive Editor of Christianity Today. This will be followed by a panel on current issues before Congress to be conducted by Senators and Congressmen. Abraham Vereide, director of International Christian Leadership will moderate the panel.

Delegates to the convention will hear Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United at a dinner meeting on the first night of the convention, following an address by Russell T. Hitt, editor of Eternity, and president of EPA.

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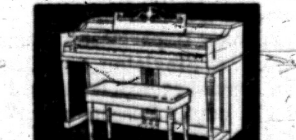
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TEA HONORS JAMES HURT—The above picture was taken at the fellowship tea given by Highland Church, Laurel, honoring Rev. James Hurl and his family on his last Sunday as pastor there. Hurl accepted a call to the Immanuel Church, Cleveland, after serving Highland for more than seven years. A beautiful hand-hooked rug was presented by Archie Taylor on behalf of the church. The rug was made by Mrs. W. P. Pannell and it was truly a work of art and a gift of love.



Gil Barrow

February 9-14 will be important on the Mississippi College campus as the college holds its Religious Focus Week; under the direction of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

"The Way, The World and You," will be the theme of the week which has as its purpose the application of Christianity to everyday living. Gil Barrow, senior from Pesaconia, Fla., is the general student chairman chosen by the student body in a regular election. The week will be supervised by Dr. C. Kerner Keegan, secretary of the Student Department, Nashville.

With a team of outstanding leaders representing various fields of interest, the week is planned, with the aid of the BSU, to touch every student and faculty member on campus.

An eleven member team has been chosen by the college administration and the Student Department of the Sunday School Board. Outstanding personalities from over the United States will plan personal conferences, group discussions, speak in chapel and in special evening services.

Visitation Set
Class visitations will be held during the week to show students how the particular field of each class can be a springboard to Christian service. Each afternoon seminars on love, courtship and marriage have been scheduled for interested students.

Evening chapel services will be held each night at 7 p. m. followed by seminars for various interest groups. Informal discussion groups or "bull sessions" will be held later in the dormitories.

Chairmen Named
Committee chairmen for the Religious Focus Week chosen by the general chairman are: E. L. Douglas, faculty committee chairman; Phil Heard, Jackson, program; Mary Jo Dadds, Jackson, publicity; Shirley Watkins, Soso, arrangements; Bill Siewart, Osyka, evaluation; Jerry Miller, Lucedale, music; Mary

Offering Soars

The Lottie Moon Offering of the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Rev. Joe Triplet, pastor, has reached \$2,690.25.

Ellis Perkins, Tupelo, seminars; John Robin Bradley, Inverness, classroom visitation; Curtis Burge, Gulfport, hospitality; Terry

Hicks, Delhi, La., books and literature; Billie Ross, Roxie, spiritual preparation; and Mim Reed, Inverness, ushers.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
GA Director—MISS WILLA DEAN FREEMAN



Mrs. Charles Whitten

YWA HOUSEPARTY SPEAKER

Blue Mountain College will be the scene of the first 1958 Young Woman's Auxiliary Houseparty. Girls from the northern area of the state (Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5) will converge on the campus around 4 p. m. February 7. The Houseparty "officially" begins with supper at 5:30 p. m. Miss Betty Walters, a Blue Mountain student and president of the Northern Regional YWA Council, will preside over all the sessions.

One of the principal speakers for the Houseparty will be returning to her Alma Mater, Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, our missionary to Spain, is a graduate of Blue Mountain and Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The Whittens are residing in Clinton.

Also appearing on the program will be Rev. Victor Kanubbe, our missionary to the Choctaw Indians; Miss Billie Pate, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham; and Dr. Ralph H. Elliott, Assistant Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

(from Mississippi missionaries) The Baptist Center — Memphis Hubert and Mary Neely, Missionaries

1. Preaching — Pray for us as we daily seek to let God speak through us in the preaching service.

2. Professions — Pray that the more than 100 persons per month who profess Christ at The Baptist-Center will grow in grace.

3. Salaries — Pray that the members of the Baptist Center family will be laborers worthy of their hire.

4. Receipts (Misc.) — Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for those who have given "beyond the call of duty" even as the good women of Mississippi have done.

Thursday, January 23, 1958

THE BAPTIST RECORD

Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary
E. L. HOWELL, Royal Ambassador Counselor
MRS. J. L. TAYLOR and MRS. ELTON GREER, Office Secretaries
HAROLD GULLY, Associate

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE BROTHERHOOD

1. Question: Who is ELIGIBLE for membership in the church Brotherhood?

Answer: Baptist men who belong to the local church.

2. Question: Should a MEAL be served at EVERY Brotherhood meeting?

Answer: No one can answer that question except the local men themselves. Kitchen facilities and other things enter into an answer to that question.

3. Question: When is the BEST TIME for the Brotherhood to meet?

Answer: At the time when the MOST MEN can come.

4. Question: How OFTEN should the Brotherhood meet?

Answer: Meeting ONCE A WEEK will get more done; once a month will probably reach a larger crowd; twice each month, or every other week, is the pattern followed by many Brotherhoods. One of the BEST of all plans is probably to meet each week, having a Program Meeting every other week, and Work Committee Meetings followed by Committee work, in the weeks between.

5. Question: What can be done to keep a Brotherhood from becoming LOPSIDED in its emphases?
Answer: See that the items of the Brotherhood Work Program are selected from the SIX MAJOR AREAS of Church Life.

6. Question: HOW LONG should a Brotherhood meeting be?

Answer: About 1 hour and 15 minutes, NOT INCLUDING time for a meal or a fellowship period.

7. Question: How long should the officers and committee chairmen serve?

Answer: For the full associational year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30); or, if elected after the associational year begins, until officers for the next associational year are elected.

8. Question: How often should the Brotherhood be REORGANIZED?

Answer: ONCE EACH YEAR. And it is suggested that men be moved from one committee to another, unless there is strong reason for keeping them on the same committee. Leading men through a variety of activities will help them acquire new skills in the Lord's work.

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INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY, January 27 Laurel First
TUESDAY, January 28 Biloxi First
THURSDAY, January 30 McComb First
FRIDAY, January 31 Jackson Northside

(Note: January 31 meeting was originally scheduled for Crystal Springs but changed to Jackson Northside.)

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Junior Memory Work Drill

The Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board promotes the Junior Memory Work Drill.

The purpose of this drill is to encourage Junior boys and girls to memorize scripture and to develop skill in handling the Word of God.

Memory work and the Sword Drill are but a part of the regular activity of a Junior Union. Through this drill the Training Union Department seeks to add emphasis to this most important phase of Training Union work.

This is not a contest! It is a drill intended to increase each participant's knowledge of God's Word and to lead him in the development of skill in the effective handling of the Word of Truth.

Each Junior leader should seek to lead every member of his union to prepare for and enter this Junior Memory Work Drill!

Participants

Only Junior boys and girls, ages 9-12, who are members of a Junior Union, may participate. Handicapped Junior boys and girls are encouraged to participate in the drill. They will not be required to handle the Bible in the Sword Drill. A method of recognition will be worked out for these boys and girls.

Procedure

It is to be expected that each Junior will seek to learn the memory verses week by week, and that he will be drilled on his memorization by his leader as part of the regular union procedure.

A church drill should be held at a time planned by the Training Union Director and the Junior Leader or Junior Department Director. Participants who do not make more than twelve mistakes may enter the associational drill.

The associational drill should be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee of the Associational Baptist Training Union. The Leader of this drill should be the Associational Junior Leader or someone appointed by the Associational Director. Participants who do not make more than nine mistakes in the associational drill may enter the district drill.

The district drill will be held during the sessions of the District Training Union Convention. Participants who do not make more than six mistakes may enter the state drill.

The state drill will be held at special designated meetings. Those in the northern part of the state will meet at First Baptist Church, Greenwood, on June 3. Those in the southern part of the state will meet at First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, on June 5. All participants who make not more than three mistakes will be recognized as state winners.

Each participant in the Dis-

trict Drill will be awarded a certificate, if he does not already have one. Seals imprinted "Associational Winner," "District Winner," "State Winner," or "State Winner Perfect," will be awarded to designate the achievement of each participant. A special award will also be granted any Junior who is a State Winner for as many as three years.

Drills To Be Used

Book drill, verse drill, and sword drill will be used. The Sword Drill encourages the Juniors to train in handling the Bible effectively. The Bible to be used is number B-100, stiff cover, Authorized King James Version. This Bible can be purchased at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. The plan given in the Rules for the Southern Baptist Intermediate Sword Drill pamphlet will be used.

Tract Available

All of the rules and materials for the Junior Memory Work Drill will be found in the Junior Memory Work tract which may be secured at the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Peiping Radio

HONG KONG — The Peiping Radio reported that teachers in Communist China "from now on will be responsible for making sure that their pupils are brought up as materialists." The station said the teachers must train children to "see the evil of religious superstitions."

Child Care Executives Plan Meet

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists will be held at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel, Biloxi, January 30-31.

This group comprises some 18 states representing 31 Children's Homes with approximately 75 or 80 executives in attendance.

The organization had its beginning and first organizational meeting in 1949 with the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage as the host. As the first meeting there were 15 Children's Homes represented with 25 in attendance.

"Child Care Ministry among Southern Baptists has grown tremendously in the past decade and the Children's Homes are keeping abreast of the times and conditions in meeting the needs of the Child," according to W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist orphanage.

Rev. E. J. Gregory of San Antonio, Texas is President of the group and Rev. Silas Gregory of San Antonio, Texas is President of the group and Rev. Silas Bishop, Florida, Secretary-Treasurer. Mississippi Baptists will be represented at this meeting by Superintendent and Mrs. W. G. Mize of the Baptist Children's Village, Jackson.

Pastors Meet

Ordination of Deacons was the subject discussed at the last meeting of the Lebanon Association pastors' conference held at Petal Temple Church. Rev. Justus L. Garrett, moderator, presided. Women of the church served refreshments.

A panel discussion was led by Rev. R. C. Woodham, Dr. John E. Barnes and Dr. R. Elmer Neilson.

Chester Vaughn, associational Sunday School superintendent, announced that plans are underway for sending a bus to the Sunday School Conference this summer in Ridgecrest, N. C.

Gifts Increase At Bunker Hill

Sunday, January 5, was a day of victory in missions giving for Bunker Hill Church, Columbia. A goal of \$1200, largest in the church's history, was adopted by the W. M. U., and the departments of the Sunday School divided the goal into quotas.

The total given was \$1,268.79 and during the same period the amount to the regular budget and the Cooperative Program was increased. 35% of the annual budget of \$16,050 goes to the Cooperative Program.

Giving has increased during the new budget year beginning October 1, 1957 over 45%. J. V. Polk is General Superintendent of the Sunday School and George Barefoot is Director of the Training Union. Rev. John E. Schooler is the pastor.

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS) — The Georgia House of Representatives began its 1958 lawmaking activities here with a wet-dry fight launched by a minister.

Going to Houston?

The following is from a letter written by E. H. Westmoreland, chairman of the local arrangements committee in Houston: "I have just been informed that all downtown hotels have been reserved to capacity. Will you please urge the editors of our state papers to publish the list of motels which are available? It is most urgent that they do so without delay."

EVANGELISM CLINIC AT FOREST

January 14 was a most significant day for Baptists and for all of Scott county. At 3:00 P. M., representatives from the churches of Scott County Baptist Association met at the Forest Church for an Evangelism Clinic, for the purpose of making preparation for the coming Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade March 9-23 of this year.

Rev. J. F. Brantly, Evangelism Chairman, presided over the afternoon and evening sessions. Rev. James L. Harrell, Superintendent of Missions, led the thinking of the group concerning the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism and the Associations place in Evangelism. Various phases of preparation for the March Crusade and also a nation-wide crusade already planned for the spring of 1958 were discussed by several pastors.

The afternoon session was closed with an inspirational message by Rev. Norman Walker, pastor at Ludlow. His topic was "Let's Do It Right This Time." The group met in the dining room of the new educational building of the host Church for supper and fellowship.

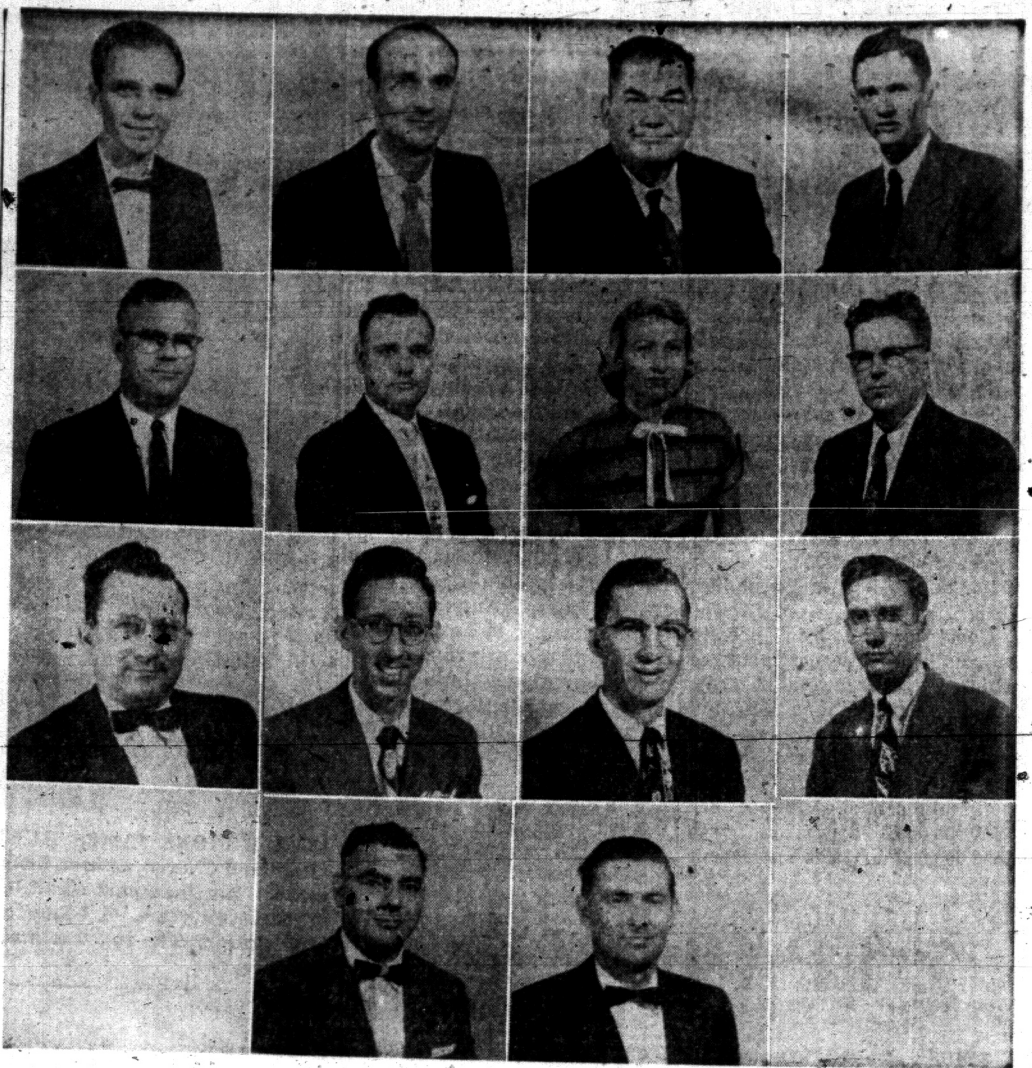
A high point of the Clinic came as Dr. Joe Odle, associate executive secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention delivered the message, "Your Church in Evangelism."

After special music by a men's quartet, Rev. N. F. Greer, pastor of First Church, Morton, delivered the closing message, using the topic "Every Baptist a Soul Winner."

Bradford Heads B S U Group

Meredith Bradford was elected president of the Baptist Student Union Council at the organization meeting for the University Medical School in Jackson.

The meeting was held in the form of a luncheon at Calvary Church on Jan. 7 with Dr. David Van Landingham as speaker. Other officers elected were: Enrollment Chairman, Billy Welch; Devotional Chairman, Audrey Hart; Social Chairman, S. L. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Larkan; Music Chairman, Ernest Johnson; Publicity Chairman, Berlyn Edwards; Staff Advisor, Dr. S. H. McDonnell, Jr.; and Pastor Advisor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.



Receive Degrees At New Orleans

Sixteen Mississippians were among the 52 students who received degrees and awards at the mid-session commencement exercises at New Orleans Seminary, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavelle, seminary president.

Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, delivered the address at the graduation exercises on January 17.

The students are, top row,

from left, Donald A. Bennett, B. D., McCall Creek; W. J. Hughes, Jr., B. D., Wesson; Julius Buford Gonia, M. R. E., Terry; and Von Jarriett Hinton, B. D., Richton.

Second row, from left, Hayward Moore, B. D., Kosciusko; Wallace Wayne Turner, B. D., Leakesville; Mrs. G. Robert Richardson, Dip. R. E., Jackson; and Herbert Lee Kinmon, Jr., B. D., Moselle.

Third row, from left, William H. Slaymaker, B. D., Jackson; James F. Stanford, B. D., Okolona; John E. Watts, B. D., Columbia; and James M. Pilgrim, Jr., B. D., Laurel.

Fourth row, from left, Emerson J. Slonaker, B. D., Jackson; and Earl E. Wells, B. D., Bruce. Not pictured, Raymond A. Herrington, Th. D., Goodman; and Charles A. Ray, Th. D., Moorhead.

Harvest Roundup At Pine Grove

Pastor J. M. Snowden of the Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, has written the following report on "Harvest Roundup Day":

"Early in January of 1957 our people committed themselves to conduct 'Special Projects for God' to the end of paying off the indebtedness on their newly constructed pastor's home.

"When the pastor's home was completed the valuation was set at \$12,000.00. There was an outstanding debt of \$1,900.00 to be paid on a monthly basis. On the recommendation of the 'Harvest Day' committee the Church agreed to set the 29th day of December as 'Roundup Day.' On that day the proceeds from the 'Special Projects for God' were brought in and laid on the altar.

"At that time the debt had been reduced to \$1,250.00. Our prayers were that we could reach that amount on this special day. However, when all the proceeds were brought in the amount was \$1,647.00.

"These projects which consisted of variety, pigs, calves, extra odd jobs, women who gave their Sunday eggs, cotton rental checks, paid holidays, and cash donations which were set aside.

Sunday School Department

E. C. Williams, Secretary
Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Secretary
Mrs. Judson Irwin, Office Secretary
Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Office Secretary



Mrs. H. E. Willis, above, will direct the Junior conference in our three Sunday School Conventions, March 11-13.

Mrs. Willis is an approved Junior worker in Alabama, and did a most excellent job in the Clinic in Jackson last October. Our Mississippi Junior workers are in for a real treat in their leader for these Conventions and we urge them to make plans to attend one of these meetings.

The time and place for each of these Conventions are: Columbus, First Baptist Church, Tuesday, March 11; Kosciusko, First Baptist Church, Wednesday, March 12; Crystal Springs, First Baptist Church, Thursday, March 13.

Attend the one most convenient. Morning, afternoon, and night sessions for each.

BIBLE SOCIETY—JAN. 26

Each year the Mississippi Baptist State Convention passes, along with the other states, a resolution setting apart a certain Sunday for an offering for the American Bible Society.

This year that Sunday is next Sunday — January 26. The purpose of this offering is to aid the American Bible Society in its monumental work of publishing and distributing Bibles and portions of the Scriptures around the world.

There is no way to estimate the value of the work of this organization through these years in helping to get the Word of God into the hands and hearts of people of all nations. Only eternity can reveal all the good that has come because of this noble work.

Therefore, an offering for the American Bible Society next Sunday — January 26 — will be money given to a noble cause

and one that will help many to have a Bible of their own.

MORE STANDARDS

Cradle Roll Departments: Corinth, First, Mrs. Gordon B. Sims, supt.; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. R. E. Harrison and Mrs. W. B. Wilmoth, supts.

Cradle Roll Groups: Corinth, First, Mrs. G. B. Sims and Mrs. J. P. Yeager, visitors; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. W. Frank Parsons, Mrs. N. F. Hudgins, Mrs. Sam Nix, Mrs. John C. Hughes, Mrs. W. P. Bowers, Mrs. Earl Thomas, Mrs. J. F. Bledsoe and Mrs. Robert Taylor, visitors.

Nursery Departments — Corinth, First, Mrs. A. J. McEachern, Mrs. Howard Robertson, and Mrs. J. T. Butler, supts.; Kosciusko, First, Mrs. J. W. Powell, supt.; Pelahatchie, Mrs. Lewis Mashburn, and Mrs. Shirley Underwood, supts.; Coldwater, Mrs. J. S. Hattox, supt.

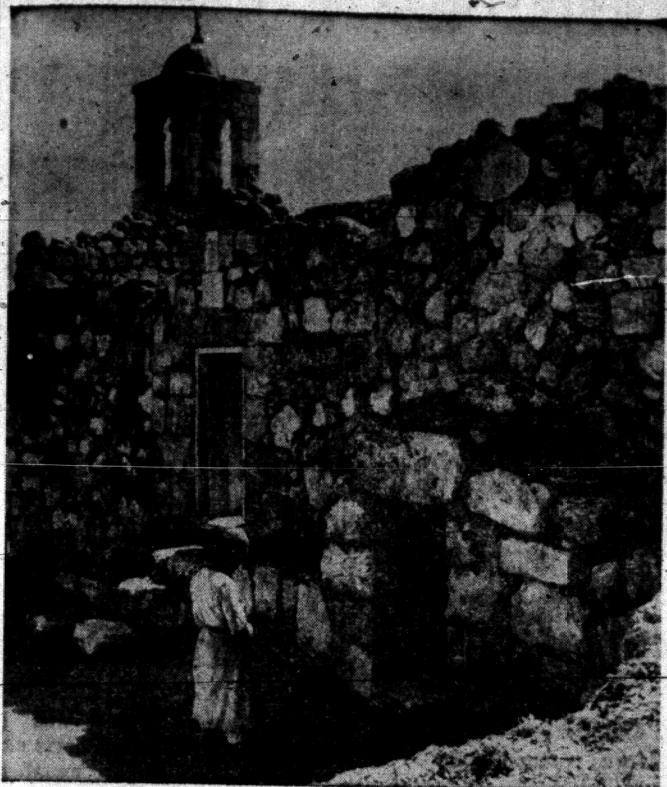
Beginner Departments: Hazlehurst, First, Mrs. W. A. Shaw, supt.; Jackson, First, Mrs. C. L. Yarbrough, supt.; Meridian, Southside, Mrs. H. E. McMillan, supt.; Ripley, First, Mrs. Ray Hodges, supt.; Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave., Mrs. C. G. Evans, supt.; Yazoo City, First, Mrs. Tommie Burchfield, supt.

Primary Departments: Byram, Mrs. J. R. Singleton, supt.; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. Earl Davis, supt.; Pascagoula, First, Mrs. W. H. Zigler, supt.; Meridian, Southside, Mrs. Doris Seale, supt.; McComb, First, Mrs. Donie Odum, supt.; Ripley, First, Mrs. Fred Morton, supt.; Tupelo, Calvary, Mrs. J. R. Horton, supt.

Primary Classes: Byram, Mrs. Jane Summerlin, Mrs. A. B. Davis, Mrs. Roy A. Taylor and Mrs. Mack Boyle, teachers; Jackson, Calvary, Mrs. Pete Frierson, teacher; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. C. A. King, Mrs. J. C. Benson, teachers; Jackson, First, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, teacher; Jackson, Ridgecrest, Mrs. John Shurlds, teacher; Pascagoula, First, Mrs. Hollis McGill, Mrs. Clarence E. Barton, Mrs. Claude Moody and Mrs. D. Y. Smith, teachers; Meridian, Southside, Mrs. Alice Joyce Hawkins, Mrs. N. L. Ivey and Mrs. Jo Barber, teachers; McComb, First, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Mrs. Odie Barter and Mrs. Lillian Simmons, teachers; Ripley, First, Mrs. Claude McAllister, Miss Martha A. Dixon, Mrs. Cecil McCown, Mrs. Jim Meadows and Mrs. Preston Smith, teachers; Tupelo, Calvary, Mrs. Charles Harrell and Mrs. Fred W. Davis, teachers.



MISSISSIPPIANS IN NEW YORK — The Manhattan Baptist Church, the first Southern Baptist Church in Greater New York, was organized January 10 with the above group of Mississippians participating. Left to right, front row: Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of the Baptist Record, Mrs. Lonnie W. Knight, Ken Fondren, William Frank Allen, Sallie Lott Allen. On the two back rows, Photo.



WHERE CHRIST WORKED MIRACLE—Native boy stands with head bowed before traditional tomb of Lazarus, located in Bethany on the slope of the Mount of Olives, about two miles from Jerusalem. It was here that Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. —(Religious News Service Photo).

Minister Succumbs

Rev. Hugh Clyde Bufkin, 59, of Route 3, Decatur, died January 6, at Newton Hospital. Mr. Bufkin suffered a stroke Sunday night while conducting services at the Beat Line Baptist Church near Conehatta, while substituting for Rev. Clifton Gibbs.

He was born in Newton County, on March 6, 1898, the son of

Hugh Carey and Mamie Pace Bufkin. He resided at the Bufkin "home place" between Conehatta and Decatur, and held a membership in the Beat Line Church, the Decatur Masonic Lodge, and the Newton County Pastors' Conference. He had served churches in Newton, Neshoba, and Scott counties.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Merle Henton Bufkin, Route 3, Decatur; four sons: Truet Spurgeon Bufkin of Raleigh; Billy Baskin Bufkin of Decatur; Carey Egbert Bufkin of Jackson; and Marion Henton Bufkin of Camden, Ark.; one daughter, Miss Hilda La Fay Bufkin of Decatur; two brothers, Frank and Ike, both of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 8, at Pine Bluff Church near Newton. Officiating were Rev. H. T. McLaurin of Newton, Rev. Clifton Gibbs of Lake, and Rev. O. B. Robinson of Raleigh. Interment followed in the Bufkin cemetery, located near the family residence, with Masonic rites at the graveside.

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| Amory, First | 424 | 98 |
| Antioch (Rankin) | 49 | 39 |
| Belden | 130 | 60 |
| Bethlehem (Jones) | 179 | 113 |
| Biloxi, Emmanuel | 259 | 92 |
| Bruce | 298 | 72 |
| Byram | 241 | 123 |
| Calhoun City, First | 315 | 138 |
| Charleston, First | 359 | 114 |
| Clarksdale | 491 | 132 |
| Clarksdale, Oakhurst | 589 | 182 |
| Cleveland, First | 484 | 137 |
| Main | 419 | |
| Chinese Mission | 65 | |
| Clinton | 740 | 461 |
| Clinton Mission | 88 | 51 |
| Collins | 157 | 114 |
| Columbia, First | 613 | 189 |
| Columbia, First | 1030 | 360 |
| Main | 855 | 266 |
| Fairview Chapel | 175 | 94 |
| Jonestown Mission | 5 | |
| Crystal Sprs., First | 597 | 150 |
| Flowood | 100 | 56 |
| Furrs (Pontotoc) | 90 | 36 |
| Greenville, First | 1009 | 319 |
| Main | 942 | |
| Chinese Mission | 67 | |
| Greenwood, Calvary | 465 | 169 |
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| Greenville, Parkview | 329 | 133 |
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| Hattiesburg, Immanuel | 318 | 129 |
| Hattiesburg, Main St. | 1000 | 454 |
| Main | 975 | |
| N. Main Mission | 21 | |
| Calvary Mission | 4 | |
| Hattiesburg, 38th Ave. | 175 | 120 |
| Hebron (Jones) | 79 | 51 |
| Houston, First | 350 | 142 |
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| Alta Woods | 628 | 267 |
| Southside | 217 | 127 |
| West | 448 | 184 |
| Midway | 272 | 108 |
| Van Winkle | 667 | 292 |
| First | 1367 | 408 |
| Crestwood | 599 | 307 |
| Dan. Memorial | 1016 | 388 |
| Alta Vista | 40 | 38 |
| Parkway | 962 | 493 |
| Hillcrest | 345 | 176 |
| Northside | 729 | 244 |
| Calvary | 1479 | 521 |
| Main | 1442 | 488 |
| Mission | 37 | 33 |
| Broadmoor | 486 | 174 |
| Oak Forest | 261 | 141 |
| Highland | 158 | 82 |
| Ridgecrest | 638 | 236 |
| Kosciusko, First | 674 | 189 |
| Main | 631 | |
| Maple Mission | 43 | |
| Kossuth (Alcorn) | 52 | 33 |
| Lambert, First | 165 | 104 |
| Main | 143 | 72 |
| Clear Crk. Mission | 22 | 32 |
| Laurel, First | 615 | 168 |
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| Laurel, Wildwood | 342 | 123 |
| Liberty (Carroll) | 23 | |
| Longview (Oktibbeha) | 73 | 49 |
| Lucedale | 335 | 134 |
| McComb, Central | 223 | 73 |
| McComb, Locust St. | 106 | 41 |
| McComb, South | 254 | 107 |
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| Mendenhall | 323 | 113 |
| Meridian: | | |
| First | 775 | 171 |
| Eighth Ave. | 187 | 64 |
| (Oakland Heights) | 289 | 105 |
| Arrowood Bap. Mis. | 87 | 28 |
| Emmanuel | 80 | 53 |
| State Blvd. | 326 | 114 |
| Forty-First Ave. | 382 | 158 |
| Fifteenth Ave. | 611 | 243 |
| Grandview Chapel | 37 | 22 |
| (South Side) | 447 | 160 |
| Fulton Ave. Mis. | 23 | 24 |
| Key Field | 123 | 77 |
| Poplar Sprs. Dr. | 513 | 160 |
| Morton, First | 246 | 90 |
| Morton, East Side | 87 | 75 |
| Moselle | 195 | 71 |
| Murphy Crk (Winston) | 119 | 60 |
| Natchez, First | 661 | 291 |
| New Albany, First | 634 | 254 |
| Main | 586 | 218 |
| Northside Mission | 48 | 36 |
| Newton, First | 394 | 186 |
| Olive Branch | 205 | 113 |
| Pascagoula, Eastlawn | 331 | 210 |
| Pascagoula, First | 741 | 273 |
| Main | 699 | 245 |
| McArthur Chapel | 30 | 28 |
| E. Wash. Ave. Chap. | 12 | |
| Pearl | 235 | 125 |
| Petal, Crestview | 40 | 37 |
| Petal-Harvey | 377 | 191 |
| Main | 332 | 143 |
| Harvey Mission | 45 | 48 |
| Picayune, First | 612 | 144 |
| Main | 601 | |
| Mission | 11 | |
| Plymouth (Lowndes) | 147 | 102 |
| Pocahontas | 29 | |
| Potts Camp | 111 | 41 |
| Purvis, First | 257 | 86 |
| Ripley, First | 303 | 109 |
| Ruleville | 340 | 120 |
| Ruth | 63 | 54 |
| Soso, First | 151 | 113 |
| Stark | 119 | 58 |
| Starkville, First | 855 | 353 |
| Steen's Crk. (Rankin) | 217 | 112 |
| Sunflower | 91 | 34 |
| Tish. Chapel (Alcorn) | 87 | 44 |
| Tupelo, East | 343 | 202 |
| Tupelo, Harrisburg | 576 | 210 |
| Tupelo, First | 515 | 105 |
| Union, First | 312 | 111 |
| Wayside (Yalobusha) | 30 | 32 |

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Foreign Board Gets \$2,445,226 From Advance Program Receipts

The advance section of the Cooperative Program brought to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board \$2,445,226.22 for the year just ended, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced to the Board at its January meeting.

(The Southern Baptist Convention's 1957 budget of \$11,000,000 to support its seminaries, boards, and agencies was met early in October. All Cooperative Program funds from then through December 31, called Advance Program funds, were shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board receiving 75 per cent. Under the Convention's 1957 operating budget, the Foreign Mission Board received \$4,550,000.)

Advance Program funds received by the Foreign Mission Board in recent years have been as follows: \$998,520 in 1953; \$1,297,123 in 1954; \$1,836,630 in 1955; and \$2,407,790 in 1956.

In his report Dr. Cauthen told how the 1957 Advance Program funds are being used: "The sum of \$725,000 was earmarked to apply to the 1958 budget, thereby making possible advance in many types of work. The sum of \$100,000 has been earmarked for advance projects in evangelism and church development. The remainder of the money is being appropriated for urgent needs on mission fields. Some funds were appropriated in the last meeting of the Board, and others are being recommended today. Other appropriations will be submitted through the April meeting of the Board."

Treasurer Everett L. Deane announced that the total cash income of the Foreign Mission Board during 1957 was \$14,353,009, an increase of \$1,619,328, or 12.71 per cent, over 1956.

Secretary Visited All Latin-American Missions in 1957

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reported on a recent trip which took him to Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Ecuador. Earlier trips took him to other countries of Latin America where Southern Baptist have work; therefore, all 16 Latin-American Missions (organizations of missionaries in a country or area) were visited by Dr. Means during 1957.

He said: "The Missions will observe 1958 as a year of preparation for the 1959 program of local, national, and international campaigns in evangelism. The new year will see several special projects in evangelism and church development."

Dr. Means concluded his report of the recent trip: "One returns from such a trip with the very clear impression that God is in this process. If he had not been in times past the meagre beginnings made by the pioneers would never have resulted in what we see today.

"That God is in the process now is indicated by the high morale of our missionary family and the evident tokens of divine favors upon the work. God will continue to be in the process. It remains, then, for us to ascertain the direction in which God is moving, determined to follow his will regardless of the cost or consequences."

Dr. Cauthen Reports
Orient Developments

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, reported on Foreign Mission Board developments in the Orient mission areas during 1957. He said that, although the background situation in Asia shows some deterioration for the year, opportunities continue to abound for mission service and definite progress is being made. He listed the following is some of the problems encountered in 1957:

1. Riots broke out in Singapore and in Taiwan, the latter being directed primarily against the United States.

2. A court case involving an American serviceman in Japan grew into an international issue.

3. Thailand had one of its recurring political upturns, a condition which reflected underlying instability.

4. In Communist China an apparent easing of thought control.

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tol in a movement to "let all flowers bloom together" was followed by the cutting off of many of the flowers that bloomed.

3. And most disturbing of all is the growing crisis in Indonesia, where Communist influence has mushroomed on the island of Java and in the central government and anti-Communism and opposition to the central government have gained strength in other parts of the country.

Then Dr. Crawley summarized Baptist mission progress in the Orient during 1957. Following are a few of the developments he mentioned:

Hawaii: A new Baptist church in the Pearl Harbor naval housing area had more than 100 members at the age of two months. Initial arrangements were worked out for the Hawaii Baptist Convention to share in the over-all financial planning for Baptist work in Hawaii.

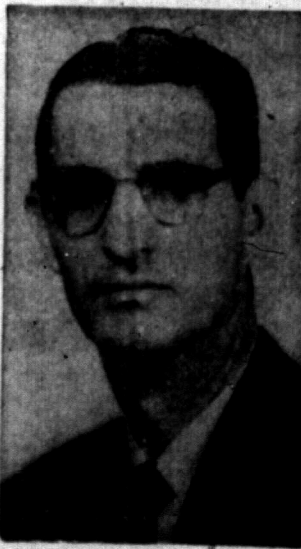
Korea: Thirty-nine were graduated during the Baptist theological seminary's first commencement exercises. Missionary Theodore H. Dowell was elected president of the seminary and classes began meeting on the new permanent campus site.

Japan: The Japan Baptist Convention elected its first full-time secretary of evangelism. Six new cities were entered by Baptists. "New Life" evangelistic campaigns were held in 12 cities.

Taiwan: A total of 2,374 decisions were recorded during a simultaneous evangelistic crusade in May. The national Baptist convention began its first home mission project during the year, sending recent seminary graduates to offshore islands. The theological seminary secured land for a permanent campus.

Hong Kong: The Baptist college began its second year. The theological seminary moved to a new campus. A new program of English-language Baptist work began in downtown Hong Kong.

The Philippines: The Baptist churches related to Southern Baptist work showed more than a 30 per cent gain. The theological seminary dedicated three new buildings. Then were graduated from the Davao Bible School. The Mati Baptist Hospital enlarged its capacity from 10 to 30 beds.



Rev. Harry F. Jones

Walnut Grove Pastor Called To Pine Grove

Rev. Harry F. Jones, former pastor of Walnut Grove Church, has been called as pastor of the Pine Grove Church, Pearl River County. He has already moved into the newly decorated parsonage, where they received a warm welcome and found a well-filled pantry.

Rev. Jones has also been pastor of churches in Yazoo and Pike Counties. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He served as State Convention Board member while in Leake County.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones have two children, Doyle Leon, 10, Shirley Grace 7.

LONDON — A group of Italian priests arrived in England to establish a mission for immigrants. They are members of the Scalabrini Fathers (Pious Society of St. Charles), who are devoted to the pastoral care of Italians living abroad.

Thursday, January 23, 1958

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7

YOUNG MINISTER DIES



30,000 Goal

(Continued from Page 1)

National Conference of Southern Baptist Men in Oklahoma City rated top importance. Enough other votes came in to give it 105 points and fifth most important story in total points. Nearly 6300 laymen attended the conference.

Hays Election Sixth

The election of Hays as the first Southern Baptist layman president in more than a decade rated sixth in importance. It received one first place vote and 100 total points.

The "Big Cities" program of the SBC Home Mission Board — which among other things increased the tempo of Southern Baptist activity in New York City, Chicago and Denver — rated 86 points and seventh place.

Eighth place was captured by the story that Southern Baptists are giving record amounts of money through their Cooperative Program to support state Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention educational and missionary work. It received 77 points.

Editors gave 76 points and ninth place to the story on the dancing issue involving Baptist colleges in North Carolina. The Baptist State Convention there upheld a 20-year-old ban on social dances on campuses of its

Eugene James

Eugene James, ministerial student, passed away after a long illness, January 14, 1958 in a Birmingham, Ala. hospital. Eugene was the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. James and was serving as minister of music for the Brighton Church of which his father was pastor.

Eugene was born at Puckett, Miss., but attended high school in Bessemer, Ala. He attended William Carey College at Hattiesburg for a year and had enrolled at Howard College at the time he became ill.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Canada James, and a son, Donald Eugene James.

His parents are remembered as Rev. and Mrs. C. E. James of Puckett. Rev. James attended Clarke College and graduated from Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary. He pastored churches in Mississippi until about five years ago, he became pastor of the Brighton Baptist Church.

Actors Organize

CLINTON, Miss. (Special) — Alpha Psi Omega will become the first national honorary society to install a chapter at Mississippi College.

This group recognizes students' achievements in dramatic arts. Seventeen students will become charter members of the Mississippi College chapter.

Fourfold Increase

The Fellowship Church of Jones County set a \$100 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The offering exceeded the goal by \$35, making a total of \$135. The church increased its gifts more than four times that of previous years.

Herman Knapp, a student at William Carey College is the pastor.

colleges. Student and some trustee reaction followed but the ban remained.

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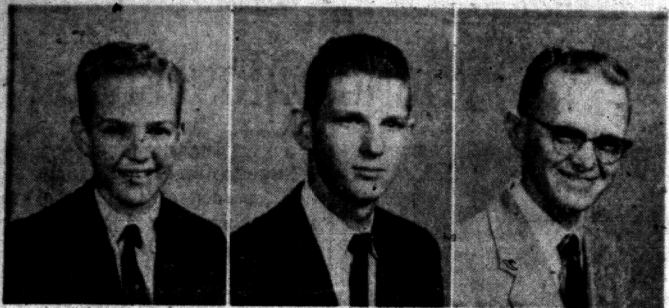
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DR. H. P. PASCHALL, pastor First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.
DR. E. J. DANIELS, Evangelist of Orlando, Fla.
DR. C. E. WILBANKS, associate in Evangelism Dept., Home Mission Board, Dallas.



Tupper Spencer Barnett

Calvary Licenses Three

Calvary Church, Greenwood, recently licensed three young men to preach the gospel. Frank Tupper, Wayne Spencer and George Barnett, three high school students, announced their decision several months ago. After having supplied in various services for the church, they were formally set aside for the ministry.

Another feature of the services were the homecoming of the other preachers who had gone out from the church. Rev. W. M. Daves, Columbus, Rev. Bob Parker, Benton, and Rev. Earl Ezell, pastor of Mt. Olive at West, told of their experiences and blessings in the ministry.

Altogether, the church now has fourteen men active in the ministry. Besides, there have been a number of young ladies who have married preachers and entered in the work with them.

Several young women are now planning on some type of Christian service.

Church Opposes Liquor Sales

Steen's Creek Church, Florence, Rev. Robert H. Ledbetter, pastor, has adopted resolutions "strongly recommending that the Mississippi legislature . . . vigorously oppose any attempt to repeal the existing prohibition laws, . . . that they earnestly endeavor to put on the statute books laws that would lend aid to the enforcement of the existing laws (these new laws to include longer jail sentences and higher fines) . . . and that

they allow purchase of liquor sales license as legal evidence in courts."

The recommendations were adopted "in a sincere effort to curb the sale and use of alcoholic beverages."

Midway Sets Up Fellowship Hour

Midway Church, Jackson, has set aside an hour, following Training Union and Preaching Service, on the last Sunday of each month which is observed as Fellowship Hour. This is one of the programs sponsored by the Training Union.

The ladies of the church prepare light snacks. The last Sunday of each quarter is of special interest because on that night the new converts and additions to the church are honored and given an opportunity to meet their fellow church members.

All visitors to the night service are also invited to join the reception line so that they can also become better acquainted.

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Adcock, Mr. Roger Adcock, Kenneth Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Elton Elkins, Gene Jackson, Alvin Woods, Miss Charlene Woods, Glenn Johnson, Miss Roberta Robins, Johnny Monroe, Mrs. W. E. Scates, Mrs. Billie Tullos, Mrs. A. E. Clark, Mrs. Dorothy Kinnard, Dickie Donahoe, Mrs. Ferrell Boyd and Mrs. Jean Irby.

Rev. William F. Evans is the Pastor and H. S. Rogers is the Training Union Director.

DEVOTIONAL

Be Still And Know

By L. GORDON SANSING
Secretary Cooperative Mission Dept.

"Be still, and know that I am God. . . ."

Ours is a busy world. Our lives are crowded with activities and responsibilities. A danger faces us of not taking time to be alone with God. Walter Dudley Cavert in "Remember Now," tells of an eighty year old man who kept a detailed record of what he had done during each hour of every day and then figured out how he used his time during the entire period of his long life. He spent over twenty-six years in sleep, twenty-one years working, two hundred and twenty-eight days shaving and one hundred and forty days paying bills. He also spent over twenty-six days scolding his children, and two days yelling at his dogs. All of

this suggests now we might more wisely budget our time for the best possible use of it. It presents a real challenge for us to be good stewards of our time.

Give God More Time

Perhaps one of the greatest failures of the average one of us is our failure to schedule enough time for God. We need in every day time to spend with God in prayer, Bible study and meditation.

"Be still and know that I am God. . . ."

Christian Citizenship in today's world is a demanding thing. We must look after creature comforts and business, but to leave out the main source of our strength is to invite disaster. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D. says, "The disciples were not losing time when they sat down beside their Master and held quiet converse with Him under the olives of Bethany or by the shores of Galilee. Those were their school hours; those were their first feeding times. The healthiest Christian, the one who is best fitted for Godly living and Godly labors, is he who feeds most on Christ. Here lies the benefit of Bible reading, and of secret prayer. The very act of sitting down quietly with our crucified Redeemer at His table of love has its significance."

Maddox Family Meets

A family reunion of the children of the late Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, missionaries to Brazil, was held recently in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Maddox, of Picayune.

Because of the parents having been missionaries, and the family being scattered presently throughout the United States, this family has very seldom been together all at the same time.

The one daughter and five of the six sons, as well as members of their immediate families, attended the reunion which was held in the new pastorium at Picayune. Lt. Com. Otis Maddox, chaplain in the navy, now stationed at Miami, Fla., was the only one unable to come. Those attending were Mrs. Kathleen Maddox Pinto, of Waco, Texas, Dr. Paul Maddox, member of the Billy Graham evangelistic team, Dr. Sam Maddox, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dothan, Alabama, Dr. Dan Maddox, physician and surgeon of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Mr. David Maddox, business man of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. John R. Maddox, pastor of the Picayune First Baptist Church.

On Sunday of the reunion the pastor introduced his family to the congregation of his church at the morning service. Dr. Dan Maddox brought the message at the morning worship hour while Dr. Paul Maddox spoke during the evening service.



New Prospect Dedicates New Pastorium

Recently the New Prospect Church (Lafayette County) dedicated debt-free their lovely, modern pastorium.

The program began in the afternoon when the pastor, Rev. Elton Barlow, and family entertained with "Open House." At the church that night Rev. J. D. Caples, pastor of the Baptist Church at Oakvale, brought

the dedication sermon. Bro. Caples was pastor at New Prospect when the home was built early in 1953. He was also the first full-time pastor and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Elton Barlow, who came to this pastorate November 10, 1955.

Before the sermon a very impressive note burning ceremony

was observed. This was in charge of Mrs. John Purvis and Mrs. Joe Jim Hogan, members of the New Prospect Church and employees of the First National Bank of Oxford, who had loaned the money to build the home.

The church is now entering into another building program in which they will do some finishing and beautifying of the church building.



LAYMEN'S PRAYER CELL—In many parts of the country laymen meet regularly in small groups for lunch, prayer and spiritual discussion. Shown here is a "research group in spiritual growth" or "prayer cell" initiated by the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World. The group comprises employees of several companies at prayer in a conference room of the General Electric Co. in mid-town Manhattan.—RNS Photo

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Church Is Organized

For January 26

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH. Bible Texts: Acts 6:1-7; 20:16-38; Romans 12:3-8; I Timothy 3:5, 17-28.

Introduction. A backward glimpse over the lessons gone out of January, shows us having studied first, The Church's One Foundation, and of our having found that to be Jesus Christ the Lord, or "Founded on the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. In the second lesson for January 12, we studied The Founding of the Church, on the Day of Pentecost, the day on which the Breath came into the body of the church, to make that body alive.

Then we had the beginning of the active life of the church following the Coming of the Holy Breath, Whose function was not only to give vitality but direction also to the church. Today we are to have the privilege of seeing how the living body, the organism, became an organization, an organism that functions through parts which function, each one, in the manner proper to its purpose.

I. To WHAT PAUL LIKENED THE CHURCH, Rom. 12:3-8. The human body. For this purpose, we shall most easily trace the analogy, I think, if we select in our thinking a given local church, as, for instance, The First Baptist Church of Jackson, or fine old Salem Baptist Church out in the delightful Hinds County country side. As a living human body is really alive in all its members—eyes, ears, arms, legs, fingers, toes—so the church, is alive in every member. And as every member, the least to the largest, has its proper work to do, its appropriate function to perform, so likewise every member in the church, from the babe in Christ born yesterday to the man in Christ born seventy years ago, and from the weakest to the strongest, has each the task he ought to do, his duty he ought to discharge because he is the member of the body that he is.

II. HOW WORK APPROPRIATE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE MEMBERS IS PERFORMED.

Rom. 12:1-2. "Be not conformed to the world." The church member is not to allow his life, thought, actions, habit become commingled, mixed, identified with that of the world; order about him. The life of the member of the body of Christ on earth, for that is what the church is (Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof, I Cor. 12:27), must needs be transformed by renewal that his life may be conformed, formed with, identified with the Christized life of the redeemed body.

III. GIFTS THAT DIFFER.

What are those? Who gave the abilities? God the Spirit did? Anybody get abilities, gifts, enablements any other way? No! Not one! What can the individual member best do, then? Certainly the thing he is gifted to do. Have you seen one trying his level best to do a thing he was not spiritually equipped or trained to do? You can run the comparison through all the departments of the matter.

I am fully aware that me can by earnest effort develop their gifts, under God to the point where wanted skill is acquired. I lately met a fine man, training union director who, a brief while ago could not read, but prayed that he might learn, if but to read his Bible, but who now reads the S. S., Brotherhood, and Training Union literature acceptably. But making allowances due for such men as he and Gypsy Smith the elser, let us return to say that ability to do good service for the body is sometimes lost through non-use because its possessor is ambitious to do something for which he is not fit.

Consider by way of illustration the office of bishop. If you ask me, that is this world's greatest work. To find those who are in the darkness of sin and lead them to the light, to bring from the very heart of God the balm that shall soothe the brokenhearted to bring

courage for the task to the low-spirited, to bind up the wounds of the broken hearted, and to proclaim peace in Jesus to the lost and miserable, this is the highest work in the world. And because it is the highest, the men who essay it should know that they have been placed in the position to do it by the Spirit of the living Lord. But what may you behold? Men here, in our great college sometimes trying to do that for which they are not qualified, to which they have not been called. Others have been called and have been disobedient, and have suffered loss because of it. In every case, let the member find his proper place.

(Lesson commentary based on "International Sunday School Lessons, the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.)



Rev. Volle Scott

New Pastor At Shady Grove

Rev. Volle Scott has been called as pastor of the Shady Grove Church in Zion Association, near Eupora. He and his wife, the former Sarah Kelly of Greenville, are already living on the field.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Scott of Mantee, Mr. Scott was formerly pastor of churches in Holmes, Copiah, and Yazoo Counties.

Off The Record

THE MOTHER, putting Billy and Bobby to bed, noticed that both boys' feet were dirty—but the elder boy, Billy had the dirtiest feet.

"Billy, you should be ashamed of yourself. You're a big boy now and you have even dirtier feet than Bobby."

"I've been livin' longer than him."

A DOG'S bark may be worse than his bite, but it never seems as personal.

—Watchman-Examiner

Today's President is tomorrow's three-cent stamp.

"The soundest sleepers of all are the owners of barking dogs."—Stan Parkman.

"Why don't you advertise?" the customer asked the shopkeeper.

"Good heavens, how was that?"

"Why," said the shopkeeper, "people came in and bought nearly everything I had."

It was the week before Sandy McTosh's wedding and he was talking over the arrangements with his best man. "Now, Donald, I suppose the guests will be giving us a send-off?" he inquired.

"No doubt of it," replied Donald. "Everything will be done in the customary manner."

"With rice and confetti and white ribbons?"

"Ay!"

For a minute or two Sandy meditated silently. Then he gave utterance to another thought: "Do you suppose, Donald, in spite of the hard times, they will be throwing old shoes after us?"

"I have no doubt they will." "Well," continued Sandy, "would you mind letting it get noticed around among the guests that I wear 10's and Beside takes 6's."



MIDWESTERN SEMINARY SITE—This aerial photograph shows the site being bought for Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. The area contained in the heavily-marked lines is the 99-acre site available immediately. The area in dotted lines at lower right is the five acres retained by Mrs. Sheffa Vivion Foster who sold her century-old family estate to the seminary. She said she plans to will the five acres, including the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Foster, to the seminary. The home will probably be future residence of the seminary president. Construction of the first seminary building may begin this autumn. Note three federal highways adjacent to property.—Photo, Kansas City Star.

Mrs. Connely Dies

Mary Sears (Mrs. Frank H.) Connely, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, died of a sudden stroke on January 4 in Fresno, Calif. She had been in the States on furlough since April, 1957.

Born in China, where her parents were pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries, Mrs. Connely attended Hardin College, Mexico, Mo., and received the bachelor of missionary training degree from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work), Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Connely died suddenly in Tokyo in October, 1956.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. R. L. Schild and William S. Connely. A nephew, Stockwell B. Sears, missionary to Indonesia, was reared by the Connelys.

Midway Gets New Scout Troop

A new Boy Scout troop has been formed at Midway Church, Jackson.

Three members of the church were appointed to serve on the committee and were asked to organize the troop. They are: William H. Posey, Howard Cagle and Elton Scifres. Mr. Posey will serve temporarily as the Scoutmaster and will be assisted by Cagle and Scifres.

At present there is one patrol which has chosen to call itself the "Wolf" patrol. William G. Chamblee is to serve as Senior Patrol leader and will be assisted by Otis Horne as Junior Leader.

Due to the increasing interest it may become necessary to form another patrol within the near future. Rev. W. F. Evans is pastor.

MUSIC SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2-6

W. C. Morgan, State Music Secretary, will direct an associational School of Music for Mississippi Association (Amite and Wilkinson Counties), beginning Sunday afternoon, February 2, and continuing through Thursday night, February 6.

The school will be held at the Liberty Church, the Sunday afternoon meeting beginning at 2:30 and closing at 4:00, and the rest of the meetings beginning at 7:00 and closing at 9:00.

Qualified personnel will lead classes in sight reading, conducting, and accompanying. Mr. Morgan will lead a hymn demonstration and choral period each night. M. E. Causey, Gloucester, is the associational music director.